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Cabinet Directive #35

In response to your A-5, we have the following observations to make concerning the draft revision of C.D. #35.

2. We are at a loss as to why provisions of Paras. (5 & 6(a)) of current C.D. #35 were not incorporated in the proposed C.D. #35. It is our view that the new wording regarding reliability, note para. 5(1)(vii), is too broad in nature and implementation in its present form will lead to varied interpretations, as well as abuse. The activities or features of unreliability must be identified if this Section is to have any relevance.

3. We would also recommend that a pre-employment security interview should be a requirement under para. 19(1). Should there be no objection from the committee, the pre-employment interview should be a requirement when a candidate is being cleared to any level of security access.

4. In addition, we feel that there should be a paragraph in the new C.D. stating that the embodied procedures are minimum standards and that they do not restrain any department or agency from introducing more stringent standards if the nature of information handled by the Department or agency demands such action.

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