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DIRECTOR OF SECURITY/CIA AND CHAIRMAN/COMOR HAVE REVIEWED PROBLEM OF CLASSIFICATION OF 6 OCT DEPT OF STATE MEMO "AN OFFER OF INSPECTION OF THE MOL." IN THEIR OPINION THE DEPT HAS MADE A SKILLFUL ATTEMPT AT SANITIZATION OF THE TALENT-KEYHOLE INFORMATION. UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, THERE IS SOME QUESTION THAT THIS SANITIZATION HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL IN CONCEALING IMPLICATION OF THE INTELLIGENCE VALUE OF OVERHEAD RECONNAISSANCE. IN VIEW OF THE SENSITIVITY OF OVERHEAD RECONNAISSANCE, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THIS MATTER BE RESOLVED FULLY BEFORE GENERAL USE IS MADE OF THE DOCUMENT OUTSIDE OF THE TALENT CONTROL SYSTEM. IT HAS BEEN POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THERE ARE ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES FOR THE SANITIZATION OF SUCH INFORMATION AND THAT RELATIVELY MINOR REVIEW AND ADJUSTMENT MIGHT MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO PRODUCE AN ADEQUATE SANITIZATION WHICH WOULD MEET THE DEPT'S NEEDS. THE TALENT SANITIZATION MANUAL DATED 19 FEB 62 PROVIDES THAT SANITIZATION WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN THE TALENT CONTROL SYSTEM. THIS PERMITS TALENT INFORMATION TO BE HELD UNDER MAXIMUM SECURITY UNTIL IT IS COMPLETELY CLEAR THAT ALL PROPER PRECAUTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN. IT IS REQUESTED, THEREFORE, THAT UNTIL IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT ADEQUATE SANITIZATION HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, THE INFORMATION BE RETURNED TO THE TALENT CONTROL BY PLACING ALL COPIES OF THE STATE DEPT MEMO IN THE TALENT CONTROL SYSTEM. IT IS SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE DEPT SUBMIT THE MEMO TO THE COMOR AS A SANITIZATION PROBLEM AND THAT COMOR REVIEW AND MAKE SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES AS WOULD MAKE IT SUITABLE FOR PUBLICATION AS A SANITIZED DOCUMENT AT THE SECRET LEVEL.

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