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Industrial Security Clearances

1. Major Dame had called the meeting to present informally to ASA representatives the most recent draft of instructions for industrial ~~clearances~~ security clearances. A rough draft of the publication was shown, but copies of it are not available at the moment. He outlined briefly the principal points which the instructions contain. He stated that he hoped, and believed, it would be published as an unclassified document and would be adopted for use by all three services. The document will be made available to all industrial people who desire to, or are requested to, bid on classified Government contracts.

2. The principal advantages which the security clearance systems set forth in this publication are:

a. the establishment of a central security clearance index which will contain data cards on all industrial facilities which have been given a facility clearance by any service, and all industrial personnel who have been given a personnel security clearance by any service. If the services agree formally (as they have informally) to accept as valid the clearances given an individual or a facility by any service, then use of the central index will make it possible to determine if a particular facility or person has been briefly cleared and has a security clearance currently in effect. ~~Investigations will be conducted by two services.~~ This will eliminate duplicate investigations being conducted by two services.

b. the provision of an interim clearance procedure. It provides that an interim clearance may be given to persons who previously have received a national agency check.

3. Major Dame requested that the ASA indicate by 5 July how 't desired to include in this publication instructions for crypte security

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clearances. He suggested that possibly we would prefer to write up a separate instruction which would be issued as an annex to the main publication. (If such is done, it would be necessary for ASA to obtain a copy of the draft in order to insert references to the crypto clearance annex at the proper places in the main publication.) Major Dame also requested that the Agency indicate its desires as to who will make decisions on questionable cases involving crypto clearances. In other words, does this Agency want to review all such cases, or would it be willing to have the review conducted by the Army-Navy-Air Force Personnel Security Board which conducts it for all other types of security clearances?

4. The draft of the main publication apparently has not been coordinated with the Director of Intelligence and the Director of Logistics within the Department of the Army, nor has it been concurred in formally by the Navy and the Air Force. Major Dame is leaving the OPNI as of 6 July 1949 and desires to have the publication in final draft form, if not fully coordinated, by that date. Lt. Col. Barnard is replacing Major Dame and will follow through on the publication of the manual.

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