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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: Security Review Follow-on Actions

I reviewed the initial findings and recommendations from the 45-day review of Department of Defense (DoD) security programs, policies, and procedures I directed pursuant to Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Review of Department of Defense Security Policies and Procedures," April 14, 2023. This review was informed by candid and cooperative participation by all DoD Components and dedicated support from a cross-Departmental team of security experts and I want to thank everyone who participated in this effort for their significant contributions to improving the Department's policies and procedures related to safeguarding Classified National Security Information (CNSI).

The Department relies on a culture of trust and accountability for those who are granted access to CNSI. This review found that the overwhelming majority of DoD personnel with access to CNSI are trustworthy, and that all DoD Components demonstrate a broad commitment to security. However, the review identified areas where we can and must improve accountability measures to prevent the compromise of CNSI, to include addressing insider threats.

To that end, I direct all DoD Components to complete the following actions to ensure individual and collective accountability for CNSI, and to report their results to the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security (USD(I&S)) by the dates outlined below:

- DoD Component Heads, in coordination with the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA), will issue a Plan of Action and Milestones that ensures all DoD personnel are included and accounted for in designated security information technology systems by August 31, 2023.
- DoD Component Heads will ensure that a Plan of Action and Milestones for all DoD personnel are assigned to a Security Management Office (SMO) by August 31, 2023. Components will identify challenges to assigning or transferring their personnel to the appropriate SMO, including data tracking in Advana or other system of record, and report their progress in addressing these challenges through the Defense Security Enterprise (DSE) Executive Committee (EXCOM).
- DoD Component Heads that are not part of the Intelligence Community (IC), will validate the continuing need for their personnel to have access to Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) and ensure personnel who require such access have a valid SCI non-disclosure agreement on file with their assigned SMO by September 30, 2023.
- DoD Component Heads will ensure that all accredited DoD Sensitive Compartmented Information Facilities (SCIF) comply with the requirements in Intelligence Community Directive (ICD) 705, "Sensitive Compartmented Information Facilities," including the



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requirement to report every SCIF to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) for entry into the ODNI SCIF repository by September 30, 2023.

- DoD Component Heads will ensure that all accredited Special Access Program Facilities (SAPF) report their SAPFs to the Director, DoD Special Access Program Central Office by September 30, 2023.

The effective safeguarding of CNSI also depends on appropriate physical security and implementation of procedures for the operation and oversight of facilities used to process and analyze CNSI. Accordingly, I direct the USD(I&S), through the DSE EXCOM, to complete the following actions:

- Develop and maintain a centralized tracking system for DoD SCIFs and SAPFs by December 31, 2023. This effort will complement and inform ODNI's ICD 705 implementation efforts.
- Issue policy guidance to ensure all SCIF and SAPF users and occupants certify their adherence to policies prohibiting use of personal or portable electronic devices within SCIFs and SAPFs by September 30, 2023. DoD Components will then program for appropriate electronic device detection systems and mitigation measures in all DoD SCIFs and SAPFs by September 30, 2024.
- Issue guidance, in coordination with the DoD Chief Information Officer (CIO), to immediately enhance accountability and control of TOP SECRET information, including a requirement to appoint Top Secret Control Officers.
- In coordination with DoD CIO and appropriate Department stakeholders, implement a phased approach to increase accountability, manage access, and increase security to classified data by August 28, 2023.
- In coordination with DoD CIO, develop a Plan of Action and Milestones within 90 days to establish a Joint Management Office for Insider Threat and Cyber Capabilities to oversee User Activity Monitoring and improve threat monitoring across all DoD networks.
- Identify and prioritize DoD security issuances which require revision by July 31, 2023.

Given the complexity of our security environment, improving continuous two-way communication between DCSA and individual unit commanders, supervisors, and DoD personnel is essential to safeguarding CNSI. To achieve this objective and support the security review's follow-on recommendations, I direct the USD(I&S) to take the following actions:

- Coordinate with the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness and the Secretaries of the Military Departments, to develop a Plan of Action and Milestones for conducting a training needs analysis to optimize the content and efficacy of security training by August 31, 2023.

- Ensure DCSA completes a pathfinder project in conjunction with the Department of the Air Force, by September 30, 2023 to examine or improve how personnel security continuous vetting information can be made more easily and readily available to commanders and supervisors in all Military Departments.
- Ensure DCSA, in coordination with the DoD CIO and Chief Data and Artificial Intelligence Officer, optimizes security information technology systems for information sharing and informed access decisions in a manner that is supported by data reporting and analysis in Advana or other system of record.

The USD(I&S) will provide me quarterly updates on the progress of these directives and any other recommendations based on the ongoing work to improve the Department's policies and procedures related to the protection of classified information.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. P. Bentz".