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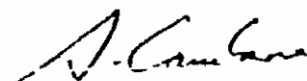
MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE
FIELD ACTIVITY

SUBJECT: The TALON/CORNERSTONE Database

TALON reporting is an important capability in providing Department of Defense (DoD) analysts with unfiltered reports of possible terrorist activity that might otherwise be lost. The Counterintelligence Field Activity (CIFA) plays a key role in this program. As a result of the TALON reporting review that has been ongoing for several weeks, I believe a change is required in the policy CIFA uses to retain U.S. persons information in the TALON/CORNERSTONE database.

CIFA will ensure all TALON reporting maintained within the TALON/CORNERSTONE database, or elsewhere in CIFA, is maintained under procedures contained within DoD 5240.1-R, "Procedures Governing the Activities of DoD Intelligence Components that Affect United States Persons," December 1982. The DoD Office of the General Counsel (OGC) provided you guidance regarding the application of this policy to the TALON/CORNERSTONE database. Please begin a review immediately to ensure all reports within the TALON/CORNERSTONE database are retained pursuant to DoD 5240.1-R, and in accordance with OGC guidance. Additionally, provide the Acting Deputy Undersecretary of Defense, Counterintelligence and Security, weekly status reports on the progress of your review.

Since the TALON/CORNERSTONE database is a counterintelligence database for possible foreign terrorist-related information, oversight for the TALON holdings within the database will fall to the office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Intelligence Oversight) (ATSD(IO)). CIFA will work closely with the ATSD(IO) to ensure TALON information is appropriately maintained, employing to the fullest extent possible the authorities to retain foreign terrorist threat information for analysis.


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