"(b) The authority of the President under subsection 1 (a) includes the right to authorize by regulation reasonable 2 inquiries directed to an individual regarding his affiliations, 3 memberships, beliefs, or activities, past or present, which are relevant to a determination of whether there are reasonable grounds to believe that he may engage in sabotage, espionage, or other subversive acts as an employee in a defense 7 activity. Refusal to answer such an inquiry by the individual may be considered an adequate reason for concluding that he should be barred from employment in a defense facility if there is no reasonably available alternative source of the 11 information sought. 12 "(c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this 13 section, no measure instituted, or rule or regulation issued, 14 pursuant to subsection (a) or (b) of this section shall **15** operate to deprive any person of employment at a defense 16 facility unless such person shall first have been notified of 17 the reasons for the action taken against him and given a 18 reasonable opportunity to present information in his behalf 19 including his reasons for refusing to answer inquiries or sup-20

ply information. The reasons for the action taken against

him shall be sufficiently specific to permit the person to re-

spond to them, and such opportunity shall, if the person

so desires, include a hearing. The Administrative Procedure

Act shall not be applicable to proceedings under this section.

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