

The CHAIRMAN. Again, sir, will you get together with our counsel to exchange views on what you are saying now?

Mr. LIEBLING. Yes, we will.

The CHAIRMAN. In other words, we want to be as close to you as we possibly can.

Mr. LIEBLING. Yes, sir, we will provide the detailed comments and work with counsel and the Attorney General and cooperate on all aspects—as fully as we can.

The CHAIRMAN. Do that, please.

Mr. LIEBLING. Yes, sir, thank you.

And there are nonhostage situations, such as blackmail, to which the criterion should be made equally applicable. To broaden this concept, we suggest that the use of language, such as that in criterion S of DoD Directive 5220.6, which provides:

Any facts or circumstances which furnish reason to believe that the individual may be subjected to coercion, influence, or pressure which may be likely to cause action contrary to the national interest. Such facts may include: The presence of a close relative of the applicant or of the applicant's spouse in a nation whose interests may be inimical to the interests of the United States, or in satellites or occupied areas of such a nation, under circumstances permitting coercion or pressure to be brought on the individual through such relatives which may be likely to cause action contrary to the national interest. The term close relative includes parents, brothers, sisters, offspring and spouse.

In criterion (16) we would recommend the insertion of the words "frequent or" before the words "habitual use of intoxicants to excess." We believe that the term "frequent use" is sufficiently accurate and precludes the sometimes vexing issue of what constitutes "habitual."

Criterion (17) is an omnibus criterion which uses the words "clearly consistent with the national defense or security interests." We recommend that it be changed to read: "Any other fact, activity, association, condition, or behavior which tends to establish reasonable doubt that the individual is reliable or trustworthy."

The CHAIRMAN. Read that again.

Mr. LIEBLING. "Any other fact, activity, association, condition, or behavior which tends to establish reasonable doubt that the individual is reliable or trustworthy."

The CHAIRMAN. Now wait a minute; you see, you are using that word "association" like I used it a while ago. You see what I mean.

Mr. LIEBLING. Yes, but—

The CHAIRMAN. In a different context.

Mr. LIEBLING. It is within the context of application to other factors possible in the case.

The CHAIRMAN. I agree.

Mr. LIEBLING. The proposed change would give equal breadth to the criterion but would avoid repeating the language of the standard.

Finally, we would suggest a criterion on excessive indebtedness and recurring financial difficulties. We feel that a criterion of this nature is most important.

If the committee wishes, I have here for the record a copy of DoD Directive 5220.6, "Industrial Personnel Security Clearance Program,"¹ which contains the criteria referred to, as well as general administrative provisions, which we will make available to the counsel.

The CHAIRMAN. Will you do that for our files, please?

¹ See appendix, pt. 2, pp. 1677-1709.