

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. Department of Defense components includes the Military Departments and Defense Agencies and, as appropriate, their subordinate organizations.
- B. Agencies refers to Executive Departments and agencies outside of the Department of Defense which have agreed to process industrial personnel security clearances under this Directive.
- C. Agency Case. A case arising out of the release of classified information to or within industry by any Agency.
- D. Agency Head. The head of any of the Agencies in B. above.
- E. Applicant. A person eligible to have the status of his clearance determined under this Directive.
- F. Contractor. An industrial, educational, commercial, or other organization which has executed a Department of Defense Security Agreement.
- G. Examiner. An official designated by the Department of Defense to conduct hearings and make determinations under the Program.
- H. Hearing. A proceeding convened and conducted by an Examiner in accordance with this Directive for the purpose of determining an applicant's eligibility for a clearance.
- I. Security Clearance or Clearance. An authorization for a contractor or person employed by a contractor to have access to specified levels of classified defense information provided his duties so require.
- J. Statement of Reasons. A statement issued by the Department of Defense setting out the reasons why an applicant's security clearance should be denied, suspended, or revoked.

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