

AMENDING SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL ACT OF 1950 1697

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7. No provision of this Directive shall be construed as conferring a right upon an applicant to appeal from a final decision to the Secretary of Defense, to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Administration) or to the Agency Head.
8. Nothing contained in this Directive shall be deemed to limit or affect the responsibility and powers of the Secretary of Defense or of an Agency Head to deny or revoke a clearance when the security of the nation so requires. This authority may be exercised only where he determines personally that the provisions of this Directive cannot be invoked consistently with the national security. Such determinations shall be conclusive.

IX. SUSPENSION ACTIONS IN SECURITY VIOLATION CASES

- A. In any case alleging wilful, unauthorized use or release of classified information or documents, or wilful appropriation or retention of classified documents for personal use or for the use of others, or where the loss or compromise of classified documents or information is wilfully concealed, the Screening Board, irrespective of whether its determination under Section VIII. A., above, is to grant or continue a clearance, or issue a Statement of Reasons, shall make a separate finding whether the acts are established by a preponderance of the evidence. In each case where it so finds, it shall suspend an existing clearance for a period of one year, subject to the provisions of B., below, and shall set out in writing its reasons therefor.
- B. Where within twenty (20) days after being notified of the Screening Board action, the applicant does not give notice of intent to contest the proposed suspension, it shall be ordered into effect. Where the applicant