SUBJECT:  (C//REL) THE SECURITY OF COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES' FACILITIES THAT PROTECT US-SHARED SENSITIVE COMPARTMENTED INFORMATION

A. (U) AUTHORITY: The National Security Act of 1947, as amended; the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004; Executive Order 12333, as amended; Executive Order 13355; and other applicable provisions of law.

B. (C//REL) PURPOSE: To enhance intelligence collaboration and information sharing among the United States (US) and the Commonwealth countries (Australia (AUS), Canada (CAN), New Zealand (NZL) and United Kingdom (GBR)) by:

1. (C//REL) Approving the use of existing sensitive compartmented information (SCI) facilities (SCIFs) housing one US-shared SCI control system for additional SCI control systems.

2. (C//REL) Identifying uniform protection standards for US-shared SCI to be stored, discussed, or processed at Commonwealth SCIFs inside and outside their respective homelands.

3. (C//REL) Eliminating duplication and reducing resources required for SCIF accreditation.

C. (U) POLICY:

1. (C//REL) Existing Facilities: Effective immediately SCIFs operated by the AUS, CAN, NZL, and GBR governments and previously approved to store, process, or discuss US-shared SCI from one control system may now be approved by those governments to store, process, or discuss US-shared information from other SCI control systems.

2. (U) New Facilities

   a. (C//REL) SCIFs constructed to domestic standards prescribed by Director of Central Intelligence Directive (DCID) 6/9, or equivalent national standards, shall be used to protect US-shared SCI inside AUS, CAN, GBR, and NZL homelands. A determination of SCIF mode of operation (Open, Closed, Continuous Operation, or Secure Work Area) shall be made to determine construction criteria as defined in DCID 6/9.
b. (C//REL) SCIFs constructed to DCID 6/9 overseas standards or equivalent national standards shall be used to protect US-shared SCI at facilities constructed by the AUS, CAN, GBR, or NZL governments outside their respective homelands. A determination of SCIF mode of operation (Open, Closed, Continuous Operation, or Secure Work Area) shall be made to determine construction criteria as defined in DCID 6/9.

3. (U) Shared Facilities: When two or more US-shared SCI control systems are occupying the same SCIF and not all SCIF personnel are cross-briefed for access to all the control systems involved, the information from each control system shall be separated through the use of procedural or physical security techniques outlined in DCID 6/9 or equivalent national standards.

D. (U) EFFECTIVE DATE: This Intelligence Community (IC) policy memorandum becomes effective on the date of signature and the contents will be incorporated into a future IC directive.

//SIGNED// J.M. McConnell 2 May 07
Director of National Intelligence Date