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30 October 1953

Office of Naval Research  
Department of the Navy  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Lt. Comdr. Harold Smith  
Security Officer

Subject: Certification of Security Clearances

Dear Sir:

We have been requested to inform you of the security clearances granted by this Agency to the following named individuals, who we have been informed will be visiting Lt. William B. Murray, Jr., Office of Naval Research, U. S. Navy.

This is to advise that, based on full field investigations and National Agency name checks, the following named individuals were granted security approval for access to CIA information classified through Top Secret on the dates set forth opposite their names:

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[Redacted]

David L. Christ  
Henry C. Knutson

[Redacted]  
William W. Cowgill

27 October 1949  
27 May 1953  
7 April 1953  
13 February 1953  
24 November 1950  
16 June 1953  
18 April 1952  
24 March 1950  
20 September 1951

If we can be of further service in this matter, please advise.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF SECURITY:

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Ernest P. Geiss  
Chief, Security Division

CC: Office of Chief, Naval Operations

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