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TO : Acting Chief, Security Division

19 June 1952

SUBJECT: Security Violation - Unlocked Safe

1. On Saturday, 14 June 1952, at 7:31 P.M. Safe #6791, containing material classified through SECRET, Room 2413, "Quarters Eye," was found unlocked by Guard N. L. Simms. The dial of the safe was in the opening position and the top drawer was open about two inches. The Safe Check Sheet indicates that the instant safe was last closed and checked at 5:07 P.M. on 12 June 1952. Night Security Officer Gustaf L. Boklund responded to the telephone call from the Guard Office and secured the safe at 8:20 P.M., after placing an explanatory note therein.

2. On 16 June 1952 Mr. [redacted] of this Branch, accompanied by Mr. Bernard F. Doran, Security Officer, TSS, investigated the violation. During the course of the investigation Mr. David L. Christ, Physical Science Administrator, RD, TSS, was interviewed.

3. Mr. Christ advised that he was custodian of the instant safe on the date in question, and that no one had been assigned responsibility for conducting the Staff Duty Officer inspection of the area. He stated that he had departed for the day at about 4:00 P.M., and that apparently he had forgotten to secure the safe. He stated further that Room 2413 was vacant when he departed. He stated also that in the future he would adhere to CIA Security Regulations with respect to initialing the Safe Check Sheet.

CONCLUSION:

4. The circumstances in this case indicate that Mr. Christ is solely responsible for the security violation.

SECURITY HISTORY:

5. No previous security violations have been charged to Mr. Christ.

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