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Chief, Physical Security Division

Chief, Survey Branch

Security Violation - Exposed Classified Material
[WENTWORTH, Susan] ⁰³
[PHILLIPS, David A.]

MAY 1960

INCIDENT:

1. While conducting a security patrol in Room 2015, Barton Hall at 2200 hours on 22 April 1960, Guard G. L. Samuels found a sheaf of classified documents in a metal correspondence divider on top of one of the desks. The Night Security Officer, [Donald Prichard], determined that the documents were SECRET copies of official dispatches which he impounded at 22:5 hours.

INVESTIGATION:

2. Miss [Susan Wentworth] ⁰³ custodian of the documents, advised that she must have inadvertently overlooked them when she secured her office before departing at about 1720 hours on 20 April 1960.

3. Miss [Martha Horvath] ⁰³ who was working with Miss [Wentworth] ⁰³ secured her working area in Room 2015 at the same time as did Miss [Wentworth] ⁰³ when she departed a few minutes after Miss [Wentworth] ⁰³ she did not notice the exposed documents which had been left unsecured by Miss [Wentworth] ⁰³. In this instance it is not deemed appropriate to charge Miss [Horvath] ⁰³ with a violation of security regulations since essentially her departure was timed with that of Miss [Wentworth] ⁰³ and her being last to leave the room is considered to be a technicality.

4. Mr. David Phillips, W/1 Staff Duty Checker on 22 April 1960, double checked Room 2015 after it had been vacated for the day and prior to 1.00 hours. He also stated that he did not see the exposed documents.

CONCLUSION:

5. As custodian of the exposed classified material, Miss [Wentworth] ⁰³ was responsible for its secure storage. As the Staff Duty Checker, Mr. Phillips was responsible for detecting the fact that classified material had not been properly secured. As each failed to properly discharge his respective responsibility in this matter, each will be charged with an Exposed Classified material security violation.

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SECURITY HISTORY:

6. Mrs [Gentworth]⁰³ and Mr. Phillips have been employed by the Agency since March 1959. A review of their records reflect no previous security violations.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

o This incident, the second in W/L in a week, was discussed with Mr. [Louis Cousens], Acting Security Officer designate for W/L, and Mr. William Biscann, Chief, W/L, Support Staff, who advised that they would establish additional security coverage in order to improve security control in W/L and preclude any possible recurrences of this or similar incidents.

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