Memorandum No. 69

To All Executive Departments and Agencies

Subject: Amendment of Loyalty Review Board Regulation 14

At the meeting of the Loyalty Review Board on December 23, 1951, the Board amended Regulation 14 of the Regulations for the Operations of this Board. The full text of the regulation as revised is set out below; asterisks indicate new matter. The amendments will be published in the Federal Register. Please fasten the following revision to page 9 in your copy of the Statement, Regulations, and Directives, August 15, 1951, edition:

"(a) The Board, or an Executive Committee of the Board, shall, as deemed necessary from time to time, cause post-audits to be made of the files on loyalty cases decided by the employing Department or Agency, or by a Regional Loyalty Board.

"The Board or an Executive Committee of the Board, or a duly constituted panel of the Board, shall have the right, in its discretion to call up for review any case decided by any Department or Agency Loyalty Board or Regional Loyalty Board, or by any head of an employing Department or Agency, even though no appeal has been taken. Any such review shall be made by a panel of the Board, and the panel, whether or not a hearing has been held in the case, may affirm the procedures and action followed and the action taken, or remand the case with appropriate instructions to the Agency or Regional Loyalty Board concerned for hearing or for such further action or procedure as the panel may determine.

"If a panel reviews a record on post-audit and reaches the conclusion that the determination made below does not fully recognize that it is of vital importance as set forth in Executive Order 9835 that persons employed in the Federal service be of complete and unswerving loyalty to the United
States, then the panel may call up the case for a
hearing, and after such hearing may affirm or reverse
the original determination or decision. Nevertheless,
it must always be remembered that while it is important
that maximum protection be afforded the United States
against infiltration of disloyal persons into the ranks
of its employees, equal protection must be afforded loyal
employees from unfounded suspicions of disloyalty.**

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Loyalty Review Board

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