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REMARKS <i>I concur with the draft of the memorandum to C/S, "Reclassification of NSA Film 'mission', dated 19 Jan 54.</i>				
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FROM NAME OR TITLE <i>W. F. Friedman</i>		DATE <i>21 Jan 54</i>		
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION <i>NSA-142</i>		TELEPHONE <i>60317</i>		

Chief of Staff

26 January 1955

Special Assistant

Reclassification of NSA Film "MISSION."

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cc: Col. Campbell  
Mr. Hilbos, SEC  
Mr. Densmore, PROD  
Mr. Callimahos, TRG

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN

Chairman

Classification Advisory Panel

## Reclassification of NSA File "Mission".

Members of NSA  
Classification Advisory  
Panel

Mr. Friedman ~~19 Jan 55~~ 19 Jan 55  
Chairman, Classification  
Advisory Panel

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Colonel Campbell, AG  
Mr. J.T. Hilsbee, SEC  
Mr. F.E. Densmore, PROD  
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1. The attached "draft" memorandum is forwarded for your review.
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Incl:  
n/a

19 January 1955

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SUBJECT

Reclassification of NSA Film "Mission"

TO

Mr. Friedman  
Chairman, Classification  
Advisory Panel

FROM

NSA-0617

DATE

25 Jan 55  
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COMMENT NO. 1

Concur in proposed viewing of subject film by Security Committee of USCIB. Also feel as discussed in Tuesday's meeting that this film should be "guinea-pigged" to determine whether viewers having little or no knowledge of NSA's functions and responsibilities are able to grasp its content. ]



F. E. DENSMORE

Security Classification Officer

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To: *Mr. Friedman*  
*Chairman, Class*  
*& Ad. Panel*

*21 Jan 1955 #2*

*Concur*

*AG*

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TO Mr. Friedman FROM J. T. Hilsbos, SEC DATE 21 Jan 55 COMMENT NO. 1  
Chairman, Classification  
Advisory Panel

Reference: Your D/F dated 19 January 55, same subject.

Concur.

*John T. Hilsbos*  
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Assistant Chief, SEC

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