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The Security Advisory Board was originally established in early 1943 under the Office of War Information to advise and assist federal non-military agencies in developing adequate, uniform procedures to protect classified information. On April 3, 1946, upon recommendation of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee established a Subcommittee for Security Control, to be successor to the OWI Board and also to be known as the Security Advisory Board.

During the period April 1946 to March 1947, the Board devoted its major energies to simplifying and expediting downgrading and declassification of documents and to advising agencies on converting their procedures to a peace-time basis by the issuance of a revised set of security suggestions for non-military federal agencies.

In March of 1947, as a result of the recommendations made by the President's Temporary Commission on Employee Loyalty, Executive Order 9835, as a part of the employee loyalty program, directed the Security Advisory Board to draft minimum standards for the handling and transmission of classified information which, when approved by the President, would be applicable to all departments and agencies of the executive branch.

The Board has drafted the standards as directed and has submitted its draft through channels for appropriate action. These standards represent merely a codification of existing practices and ~~that~~ the basic principles which guided the Board in the preparation of its draft were (1) to draft the least restrictive standards possible, (2) to set up a uniform pattern for the handling of classified information in all agencies, (3) to permit freer interchange of classified information between agencies by assuring the "sensitive" agencies that classified information originating with them would have adequate security protection in the receiving agency, (4) to stress the need for avoiding overclassification and (5) to require downgrading and declassification action at the earliest possible date.

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