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### SUSPENSION OF SECURITY CLEARANCE

A. General Comment: Access to classified information is an integral part of the work performed in many MOS's. As a result in MOS reclassification, but also in the perception that the Soldier's integrity and patriotism have been called into question. Consequently, commanders should take action to suspend access only when necessary. Commanders must remember, however, that misconduct, especially criminal misconduct, represents a deviation from societal norms. Such deviations could lead to or result in breaches of national security which cannot be tolerated under any circumstances. In 1988, AR 380-67 was revised to accommodate the competing interests of national security and due process protections for Soldiers.

B. Grounds: AR 380-67, paragraph 2-200, sets out the grounds upon which suspension of access to classified material should be accomplished. These include acts of sabotage, sympathetic association with subversive groups, criminal misconduct, and excessive indebtedness. Commanders and supervisors should be familiar with these grounds and, when the conduct of Soldiers dictates, take appropriate.

C. Procedural Considerations:

1. When a commander or supervisor at any level receives credible information indicating that a Soldier has engaged in conduct which would be grounds for access denial as indicated above, he/she normally will take action to suspend access. The clearance authority will be notified immediately and will determine whether the action is reasonable and warranted. Concurrently, an inquiry or investigation will be conducted to determine whether access should be restored or whether a sound basis exists for revocation of access.
2. The procedures outline in AR 380-67, paragraphs 8-100, 8-200, and Appendix C will be followed.

D. Reference:

AR 380-67, Personnel Security Program.

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