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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

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FROM: HQ USAF/XOS-FI
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SUBJECT: Dual Citizenship/Possession or Use of a Foreign Passport (Our Memo, 25 Jun 03)

This memorandum replaces referenced AF/XOFI Memo, 25 Jun 03, same subject concerning the possession of dual citizenship and foreign passports IAW DoD 5200.2-R, *Personnel Security Investigation Program*, App I, Guideline C, Foreign Preference (Atch 1).

a. **Dual Citizenship.** Dual citizenship in itself is not an automatic disqualifier. However, possession of dual citizenship and or the exercise of dual citizenship is a condition that could raise a security concern and may be a disqualifying factor in a personnel security clearance eligibility determination. There are also factors that could mitigate the maintenance of dual citizenship, as outlined in the attachment. An individual's expressed willingness to renounce dual citizenship is one of the conditions that *could* mitigate security concerns.

b. **Possession or Use of a Foreign Passport.** Possession and or use of a foreign passport in preference to a US passport raises doubt as to whether the person's allegiance to the US is paramount and it could also facilitate foreign travel unverifiable by the US. The security clearance will be denied or revoked, unless the applicant surrenders the foreign passport or obtains official approval for its use from SAF/AA. Requests for approval are forwarded through security forces channels to HQ USAF/XOS-FI for processing to SAF/AA. Justification must include what benefit the AF will gain from a person holding a foreign passport. The Air Force Central Adjudication Facility (AFCAF) will annotate approvals in the remarks field of Joint Personnel Adjudication System.

c. **Surrendering the Passport.** Individuals who indicate they possess a foreign passport in item 15 of the Electronic Personnel Security Questionnaire or item 17d on the Standard Form 86, "Questionnaire for National Security Positions," will be instructed to surrender the passport via one of the following methods:

- Return to the appropriate country embassy or consulate via certified receipt mail. A copy of the transmittal memo forwarding the passport and the return receipt will be forwarded to the AFCAF.

- Destroy the passport as witnessed by an AF security official. Cut up the passport and place in a burn bag. The witnessing security official will document the destruction of the passport in an explanatory memorandum, which will be forwarded to the AFCAF.

d. **Personnel Security Eligibility.** In order for individuals who hold foreign passport and dual citizenship to be considered for and or be granted security clearance eligibility the following will need to be completed:

- Provide a written statement expressing their willingness to renounce foreign citizenship claims in favor of a sole United States citizenship status. Actual renouement is not required.

- Return and or destroy the passport.

The renoucement statement and documentation of destruction of the passport must be provided to the AFCAF. The AFCAF reviews each case on its own merits to determine security clearance eligibility. The address for the AFCAF is: Air Force Central Adjudication Facility, AFCAF/PS ATTN: (name of adjudicator assigned to the case), 229 Brookley Avenue, Bolling AFB 20332.

This same guidance will apply if the passport is identified after a security clearance determination is made.

This guidance will be reflected in AFI 31-501, *Personnel Security Program Management*. Our POC is Ms Jean Smith, AF/XOS-FI, DSN 425-0011.



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AF/XOFI Memo, 25 Jun 03