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Subject: Reinvestigation Products for Positions Requiring Top Secret or SCI Access

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Subject: Agencies have two products to choose from when reinvestigating individuals for Top Secret or SCI Access: the Full Scope SSBI-PR or the Phased Periodic Reinvestigation (PPR).

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Scope and Effect: This is an internal advisory document for use by USDA personnel involved in implementing USDA's personnel security program.

Supersession: None

Background: There is no longer an absolute requirement for coverage of references and neighborhoods in reinvestigation cases when there are no security concerns admitted on the Standard Form (SF) 86 or developed during the investigation. In response to these changes, OPM has developed the new Phased Periodic Reinvestigation (PPR) product.

Federal Investigations Notices (FIN) #05-04 and #06-01 are attached and contain information on requesting the SSBI-PR and the new PPR products. Agencies are reminded that reinvestigations for employees holding a Top Secret (TS) clearance are due no later than five years from the date of the previous investigation.

Option One: Full Scope Single-Scope Background Investigation, Periodic Reinvestigation (Full Scope SSBI-PR)

OPM will continue to offer the full scope SSBI-PR with full coverage and issue resolution. OPM will no longer offer an SSBI-PR that does not include issue resolution. The Case Type for the SSBI-PR is 18. The SSBI-PR is available for Priority Service (A) or Standard Service (C).

Option Two: Phased Periodic Reinvestigation (PPR)

The new Phased Periodic Reinvestigation may be requested if the subject does not disclose anything of a security

concern on their SF86. Agency points-of-contact are asked to review the SF86 for any “automatic triggers” before requesting the PPR. The Personnel Security Branch will complete a second review the SF86 for any self-disclosed security concerns upon receipt and notify the submitting agency if a change to the SSBI-PR is required. See the attachment to FIN #05-04 for a list of the “automatic triggers,” security issues keyed to questions on the SF86.

OPM will automatically convert any PPR request to the full scope SSBI-PR if there are any positive responses to one or more of the security concerns and the agency will be billed at the SSBI-PR rate. Any PPR that develops information of a security concern during the course of the investigation will be expanded to meet the full SSBI-PR requirements. A surcharge will be applied to all expanded cases. The Case Type for the PPR is 19. The PPR is available for Priority Service (A) or Standard Service (C).

Further Information: For further information, please contact the Personnel and Document Security Division at (202) 720-7373.
