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IDENTIFYING SUSPICIOUS CONTACTS

Examples of **suspicious contacts*** include, but are not limited to:

Efforts by any individual, regardless of nationality, to obtain illegal or unauthorized **access to classified information** or to compromise a cleared employee

Contact by cleared employees with known or suspected **intelligence officers** from any foreign country

Any contact that suggests the employee concerned may be **the target of an attempted exploitation** by a foreign intelligence entity

Attempts to entice cleared employees into compromising situations that could lead to **blackmail or extortion**

Attempts by foreign customers to gain access to **hardware and information** that exceeds the limitations of the export licenses on file

Attempts to place cleared personnel under obligation through special treatment, **favors, gifts, or money**

Requests for protected information in the guise of a price quote or purchase request, market survey, or other pretense

* **The National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual defines suspicious contacts as:**

Efforts by any individual, regardless of nationality, to obtain illegal or unauthorized access to classified information or to compromise a cleared employee,

Contacts by cleared employees with known or suspected intelligence officers from any country, or any contact which suggests a cleared employee may be the target of an attempted exploitation by the intelligence services of another country. (Paragraph 1-302b of DoD 5220.22-M)

