

KEYWORD: Guideline F

DIGEST: The Board cannot consider new evidence on appeal. Adverse decision affirmed.

CASENO: 09-06306.a1

DATE: 01/31/2011

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Applicant for Security Clearance	)	
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**APPEAL BOARD SUMMARY DISPOSITION**

**APPEARANCES**

**FOR GOVERNMENT**

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The Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA) declined to grant Applicant a security clearance. On April 13, 2010, DOHA issued a statement of reasons (SOR) advising Applicant of the basis for that decision—security concerns raised under Guideline F (Financial Considerations) of Department of Defense Directive 5220.6 (Jan. 2, 1992, as amended) (Directive). Applicant

requested that the case be decided on the written record. On November 24, 2010, after considering the record, Administrative Judge David M. White denied Applicant's request for a security clearance. Applicant appealed pursuant to the Directive ¶¶ E3.1.28 and E3.1.30.

Applicant's appeal brief contains no assertion of harmful error on the part of the Judge. Rather, it contains new evidence, in the form of a statement by the Applicant more fully explaining his financial situation and addressing deficiencies in the record noted by the Judge and attributed to Applicant's election of an administrative determination instead of a hearing.

The Board cannot consider Applicant's new evidence on appeal. *See* Directive ¶ E3.1.29. The Appeal Board's authority to review a case is limited to cases in which the appealing party has alleged the Judge committed harmful error. Applicant has not made an allegation of harmful error on the part of the Judge. Therefore, the decision of the Judge denying Applicant a security clearance is AFFIRMED.

Signed: Jeffery D. Billett

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