KEYWORD: Guideline F

DIGEST: Applicant's appeal brief contains no assertion of harmful error on the part of the Judge. Rather, it contains a request "for the Appeal Board to take a look at [his] case again." Adverse decision affirmed.

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The Department of Defense (DoD) declined to grant Applicant a security clearance. On June 14, 2016, DoD 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 a decision on the written record. On August 21, 2017, after considering the record, Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA) Administrative Judge Edward W. Loughran denied Applicant's request for a security clearance. Applicant appealed pursuant to the Directive ¶ E3.1.28 and E3.1.30.

Applicant requested that his case be decided on the written record and then did not respond to the government's File of Relevant Material (FORM). Applicant's appeal brief contains no assertion of harmful error on the part of the Judge. Rather, it contains a request "for the Appeal Board to take a look at [his] case again."

The Board does not review a case *de novo*. 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 is AFFIRMED.

Signed: Michael Ra'anan Michael Ra'anan Administrative Judge Chairperson, Appeal Board

Signed: James F. Duffy James F. Duffy Administrative Judge Member, Appeal Board

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