

KEYWORD: Guideline F

DIGEST: 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 narrative statement by the Applicant detailing his ongoing efforts to contact his creditors and settle his debts. Adverse decision affirmed.

CASENO: 16-01058.a1

DATE: 04/02/2018

DATE: April 2, 2018

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In Re:)	
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Applicant for Security Clearance)	
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APPEAL BOARD DECISION

APPEARANCES

FOR GOVERNMENT

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FOR APPLICANT

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The Department of Defense (DoD) declined to grant Applicant a security clearance. On August 18, 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 October 19, 2017, after considering the record, Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA) Administrative Judge Mark Harvey 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 new evidence in the form of a narrative statement by the Applicant detailing his ongoing efforts to contact his creditors and settle his debts.

The Board cannot consider Applicant's new evidence on appeal. *See* Directive ¶ E3.1.29. Moreover, we have no authority to grant Applicant's request for additional time to submit favorable evidence. *See, e.g.*, ISCR Case No. 14-00151 at 3 (App. Bd. Sep. 12, 2014). The Board does not review a case *de novo*. Its authority to review a case is limited to cases in which the appealing party has alleged the Judge committed harmful error. *See, e.g.*, ISCR Case No. 15-01845 at 2 (App. Bd. Feb. 12, 2018). 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
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Administrative Judge
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