



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
DEFENSE OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS**



In the matter of:

Applicant for Security Clearance

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ISCR Case No. 25-00181

Appearances

For Government: Aubrey M. De Angelis, Esq., Department Counsel

For Applicant: *Pro se*

01/28/2026

Decision

HALE, Charles C., Administrative Judge:

On February 28, 2025, the Department of Defense (DoD) issued a Statement of Reasons to Applicant detailing security concerns under Guideline B, foreign influence. The DoD acted under Executive Order (Exec. Or.) 10865, Safeguarding Classified Information within Industry (February 20, 1960), as amended; DoD Directive 5220.6, Defense Industrial Personnel Security Clearance Review Program (January 2, 1992), as amended (Directive); and the adjudicative guidelines (AG) implemented by the DoD on June 8, 2017.

Applicant responded to the SOR on March 11, 2025, and requested a hearing before an administrative judge. The case was assigned to me on December 8, 2025. The hearing was held as scheduled on December 23, 2025. At the hearing, I formally proposed to the parties that this case was appropriate for a summary disposition in Applicant's favor. Applicant did not object and on December 30, 2025, the Government issued a reply that the Government did not object to a summary disposition.

Applicant's foreign contacts are no longer relevant. The relationships developed while he was a minor, when he traveled with his mother, a citizen of the United Kingdom.

Applicant is now 29 years old. It has been more than 10 years since he has had direct contact with these non-familial persons. Any financial ties have been mitigated by transferring control of any assets to Applicant's personal control. It is unlikely Applicant will be placed in a position of having to choose between the interests of a foreign individual, group, organization, or government and the interests of the United States. I conclude that the security concerns are mitigated under the following mitigating conditions: AG ¶¶ 8(a), 8(b), 8(c), and 8(f).

The concerns over Applicant's foreign contacts are unsupported given his deep and longstanding relationships and loyalties in the United States. Applicant can be expected to resolve any conflict of interest in favor of the U.S. interest. In reaching this conclusion, I weighed the evidence as a whole and considered if the favorable evidence outweighed the unfavorable evidence. I also gave due consideration to the whole-person concept. Accordingly, I conclude that he met his ultimate burden of persuasion to show that it is clearly consistent with the national interest to grant him eligibility for access to classified information. This case is decided for Applicant.

Charles C. Hale
Administrative Judge