

DATE: October 9, 2009

In Re:)	
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Applicant for Security Clearance)	

APPEAL BOARD SUMMARY DISPOSITION

APPEARANCES

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The Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA) declined to grant Applicant a security clearance. On January 28, 2009, 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 a hearing. On July 29, 2009, after the hearing, Administrative Judge Arthur E. Marshall, Jr. denied Applicant’s request for a security clearance. Applicant timely appealed pursuant to the Directive ¶¶ E3.1.28 and E3.1.30.

Applicant’s appeal brief contains no substantive matters and makes no assertion of harmful error on the part of the Judge. 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. *See* Directive ¶ E3.1.32.

Applicant has not made an allegation of harmful error. The Board does not review cases *de novo*. Additionally, Applicant's appeal submission makes reference to matters that were not part of the record below. The Board cannot consider new evidence on appeal. *See* Directive ¶ E3.1.29. Therefore, the decision of the Judge denying Applicant a security clearance is AFFIRMED.

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