



Marine Barracks
Lake Mead Base
Las Vegas, Nevada
1954 To 1969



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All Hands Alert!
Attn: Sen Wellstone
RE: Marty Gensler
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This memo is about the "Q" clearance.

I am going to address as one of the cover ups that has never been uncovered! This clearance was given after The Dept of Energy or the Atomic Energy Comm. Had security checks done by the FBI, SS, CIA or anyone else that the three depts. had their Security work done for them. After the checkups and interviews, that person was then given the "Q" badge. This allowed that person to work, process or had access to nuclear Materials. The base that I was on was called Lake Mead Base, which is now part of Nellis A.F.B. There were thirteen of these sites in the USA. There was other services involved in this operation too. S.A.C. and all the missile sites, nuclear subs, and aircraft carriers.

How many people were involved with nuclear weapons, we will never know, Because the "Q" clearance was never on any ones DD 214.

I have yet to run into anyone who has the "Q" on their discharge papers. Why? Maybe You can give me better answers than I can think of. My one answer is anyone seeing that on your record is going to ask What's the 'Q' stand for the other no one can now trace you if you were involved with nuclear weapons. These are my opinions only.

What was the Atomic Energy Commissions reason? Again, I'm looking for your reasons too but why the cover up for everyone having the "Q"?

Now for some insight on the "Q". I've tried for forty years to get info on this. Then on 1972 the freedom of information came into being, and I got no answers from them either. I found out though that the act works both ways. It wasn't until Jesse Brown in 1995 came to the American Legion convention in Minneapolis, MN. That we were able to get some of the answers we were looking for.

Don Townsend and I confronted him and Don gave him his atomic veterans card.

Thus, the report was mailed to Don and he forwarded it to me.

Now for the real kicker. After reading the report, I called and asked Ms Lynn Gebrousky

to send me all of the papers regarding the 'Q' also the 'L'. I got no answers or reply. Because I was not a key person, I got no replies.

After you people read the report you just know there has to be pages of this clearance. So if anyone can come up with the complete report, of all of us that were "Q" cleared, we would appreciate it .

Some other interesting inquiries also came up after years of conversations with fellow servicemen. If you were caught spying or releasing nuclear secrets after your service time was up, there was a 10-20 year of secrecy attached to the "Q" Clearance. So one could be convicted and do time in federal prison if caught.

The other one was that you were not supposed to go out of the continental USA. Now If any one knows of any other penalties attached please advise. These were the only two that were expressed to me over the years, and this was verbal only, so what really is fact could be addressed only by the facts of the "Q" clearance and it's penalties.

There is one more item that should be addressed too. That is the DD-1141, this is the form that was also to be on your DD 214, showing when you were first exposed to nuclear involvement. This was supposed to be part of the serviceman's permanent health records. Again, I have yet to find a person who knew about this and actually knew what it was supposed to be for. Another item is that when one first had your nuclear exam, is that on your records? I had my first exam when they had just started giving them. That was in 1979, my records do not show that any more. I have to go back and get witnesses to prove that I left work to go to that exam. I have now learned over the years to get or make copies of everything the V.A. or whatever agency you conduct business with.

Regards and Semper Fi

Jim Hamann



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

June 9, 1995

Mr. Donald G. Townsend
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Dear Mr. Townsend:

The Honorable Jesse Brown, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, requested the assistance of the Department of Energy with providing you the official written definition of the term "Q Clearance." Please note that the terms "Security clearance" and "Access authorization" are synonymous.

The definition for the term "Access authorization" is contained in subsection 710.5(a) of Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 710, as follows:

"Access authorization means an administrative determination that an individual is eligible for access to classified matter or is eligible for access to, or control over, special nuclear material."

As indicated in Departmental Order 5631.2C, "Personnel Security Program," the Department grants two types of access authorizations, a Q and an L. The Q access authorization indicates that the recipient is approved for access to the following classified information on a need-to-know basis: Restricted Data, Formerly Restricted Data, and National Security Information at the Top Secret, Secret, and Confidential levels. The Q access authorization also indicates approval for access to special nuclear materials.

We would be glad to provide copies of these documents to you if they cannot be obtained locally. Please contact Ms. Lynn Gebrowsky at (301) 903-3200.

We hope this is responsive to your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George L. McFadden".

George L. McFadden
Director
Office of Security Affairs

cc: The Honorable Jesse Brown