Regulations of the Organization Department of the CPC Central Committee Regarding the Determination of Party Membership for Intelligence Personnel
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(I) For intelligence personnel who were granted permission to join the Party by a responsible comrade of the initial Party organization—but who, due to the unique circumstances of underground work, could neither complete formal admission procedures nor participate in regular Party organizational life—they shall be recognized as Party members, provided that their connection with the organization remained unbroken, they demonstrated active effort and made genuine contributions over a long period, and they meet the ideological and political criteria for Party membership. Their Party seniority shall be calculated from the date they were originally granted permission to join, though formal admission procedures must be completed retroactively.

(II) Individuals engaged in intelligence work who established a working relationship with the Party, or merely requested to join, but who considered themselves Party members without ever receiving approval from the Party or a responsible organizational comrade—even if they worked diligently and made genuine contributions—cannot have their Party membership "retroactively recognized." In such cases, the situation should be explained to the individual in a straightforward manner, in accordance with the Party Constitution; their past achievements should be acknowledged, and appropriate administrative recognition or encouragement may be provided. If such an individual currently meets the criteria for Party membership, they may submit an application to join as a new Party member, with the requirement for a probationary period potentially being waived.

(III) For individuals in the aforementioned categories who previously participated in other political parties or held a relatively high social status, the resolution of their Party membership status must be approved by the respective Central Bureau, Sub-bureau, or the Party Central Committee, in accordance with the provisions of the Party Constitution.

(IV) Individuals who, despite having made past contributions or currently playing a significant role in their work, lack the necessary ideological awareness or political understanding to meet the criteria for Party membership, shall not have their Party membership status resolved (i.e., they shall not be admitted). As the revolution approaches greater victory, the recruitment of Party members must be handled with increasing caution; in particular, the admission of intellectuals from the upper strata of society must be subject to strict scrutiny, and the title of "Party member" should not be granted lightly.

(V) In the past, "special Party members" were sometimes recruited due to the requirements of intelligence work. This practice shall be discontinued henceforth, as there is no place for "special Party members" within the Party. All Party members must be held to a serious standard in fulfilling their obligations; indeed, the higher an individual’s social status, the stricter the requirements the Party should impose upon them.