

USCIS Domestic Operations Directorate (DOMOPS) CARRP Workflows



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Controlled Application Review and Resolution Program (CARRP) Summary

FIELD	
IDENTIFYING A NATIONAL SECURITY (NS) CONCERN	<p>Identifying a NS Concern: As a result of the security checks or at any stage during the adjudicative process, the officer may identify one or more indicators that may raise a NS concern. In such cases, the officer must first confirm whether the indicator(s) relates to the applicant, petitioner, beneficiary, or derivative ("the individual"). When a Non-KST NS indicator has been identified, the officer must analyze the indicator and determine whether an articulable link exists between the individual and an activity, individual, or organization described in sections 212(a)(3)(A), (B), or (F), or 237 (A) or (B) of the Immigration and Naturalization Act ("the Act"). A KST NS concern must be confirmed via a TECS/IBIS check. If confirmed, the officer must contact the Terrorist Screening Center in order to determine whether the KST NS concern relates to the individual. (CARRP Policy Memorandum, p. 4).</p>

Based on: CARRP Memo on 4/11/08
and DDMOPS Op Guidance 4/25/08

FIELD	
INTERNAL VETTING/ ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT	<p>Assessing Eligibility in Cases with a NS Concern: If it is determined that a NS concern exists, the officer must conduct a thorough review of the record associated with the application or petition to determine if the individual is eligible for the benefit sought. The officer must also conduct internal vetting to obtain any relevant information to support adjudication and, in some cases, to further examine the nature of the NS concern. (CARRP Policy Memorandum, p. 4).</p>

FIELD-NON-KST OR HQFDNS-KST	External Vetting
EXTERNAL VETTING	<p>Non-KST Cases: If an application or petition appears to be otherwise approvable, and internal vetting is complete; there is an identified record owner in possession of NS information; and the NS concern remains, then the officer must initiate the external vetting process (Non-KST cases only) before the case may proceed to final adjudication. (CARRP Policy Memorandum, p. 5).</p> <p>KST Cases: Field officers are not authorized to conduct external vetting with record owners in possession of NS information. If the application/petition is otherwise approvable for KST cases, HQFDNS must conduct external vetting of KST concerns. (CARRP Policy Memorandum, p. 6).</p>

FIELD	
CARRP ADJUDICATION	<p>CARRP Adjudication: Upon completion of required vetting, if the NS concern remains, the officer must evaluate the result of the vetting and determine any relevance to adjudication, obtain any additional relevant information, and determine eligibility for the benefit sought. Adjudication of a case with a NS concern focuses on thoroughly identifying and documenting the facts behind an eligibility determination, and, when appropriate, removal, rescission, termination, or revocation under the Act. (CARRP Policy Memorandum, p. 6).</p>

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Background Check and Adjudicative Assessment (BCAA)

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Background Check and Adjudicative Assessment (BCAA)

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Date: <input type="text"/>	Officer: <input type="text"/>	Program Officer: <input type="text"/>
NS Concerns: <input type="text"/>	Urgency: <input type="text"/>	Due Date (if applicable): <input type="text"/>
A. Subject		
AK#: <input type="text"/>	Current Immigration Status: <input type="text"/>	
Name: Last <input type="text"/> First <input type="text"/> Middle <input type="text"/>	Alias(es): <input type="text"/>	
Date of Birth: <input type="text"/>	Country of Birth: <input type="text"/>	
Country(ies) of Citizenship: <input type="text"/>	Organization(s): <input type="text"/>	
Associated AK(s): <input type="text"/>	B. National Security Summary	
Basis for NS referral: <input type="checkbox"/> LHM <input type="checkbox"/> TECS/BIS <input type="checkbox"/> Non-TECS/BIS	If Non-TECS/BIS, source: <input type="text"/>	
CLASSIFIED Information: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date: <input type="text"/>	
C. Systems Checks Results:		
TECS/BIS: <input type="text"/>	Date: <input type="text"/>	FBI Name: <input type="text"/>
FBI Program: <input type="text"/>	Date: <input type="text"/>	US P: <input type="text"/>
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and DOMOPS Op Guidance 4/25/08

The Background Check and Adjudicative Assessment (BCAA) is used to document NS concerns and track actions taken on applications or petitions where such concerns exist. [Specific guidance on the use of this worksheet is available in each component's operational guidance.] The BCAA is also used as a record to assist data entry into the Fraud Detection and National Security Data System (FDNS-DS). Component guidance will outline when a case must be entered into FDNS-DS.

USCIS will complete the BCAA and coordinate with FDNS for entry into FDNS-DS for the following cases:

- all KST cases, regardless of the decision on the underlying application/petition;
- cases where a NS concern has been confirmed and the application/petition is recommended for approval (except for cases receiving a 212(d)(3)(B)(i) terrorist activity exemption and for which no other national security concerns exist); and
- to the extent required by operational guidance, cases where a national security concern has been confirmed and the application/petition is denied.

Source: BCAA Guidance and instructions

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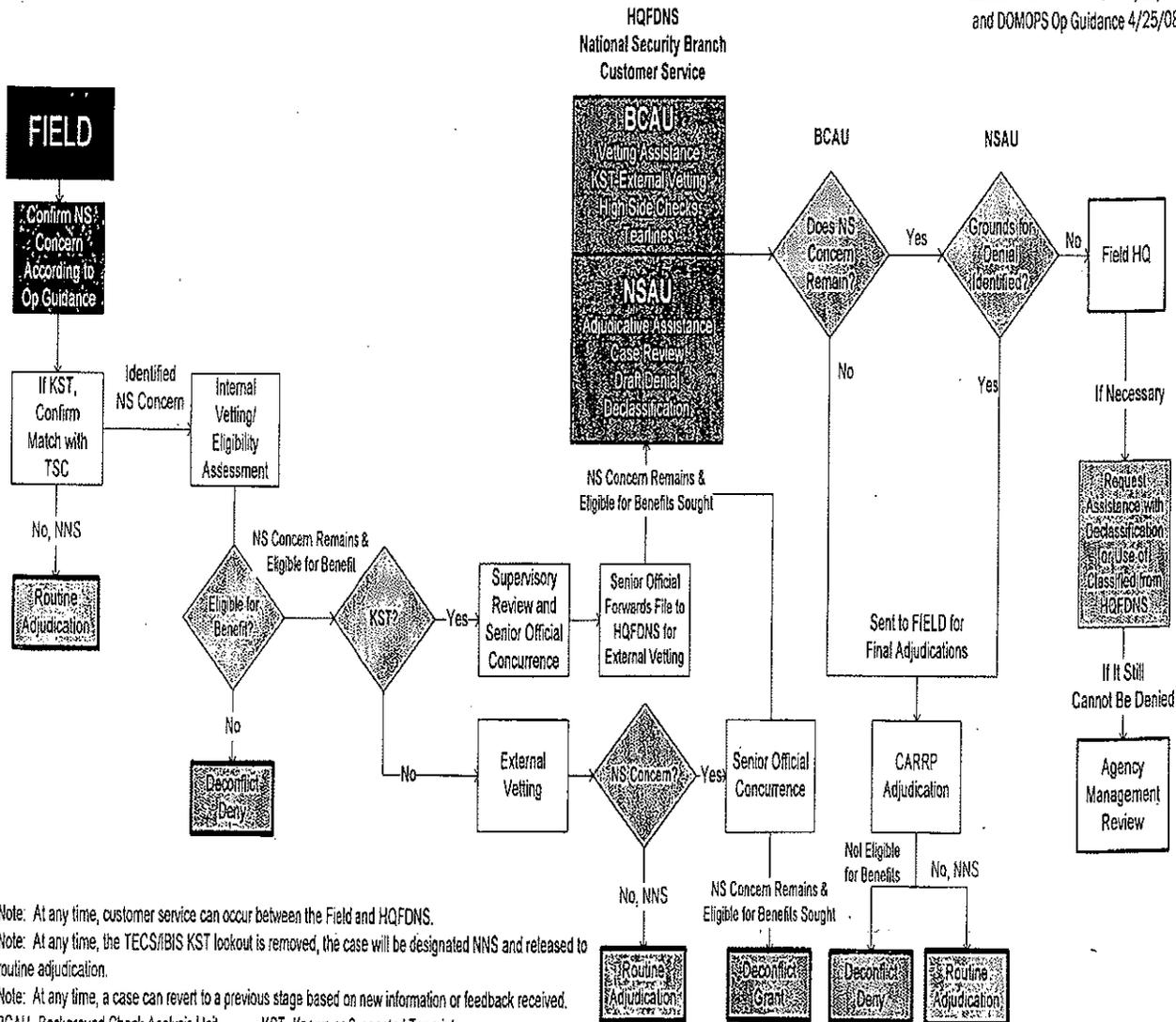
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CARRP Workflow Overview

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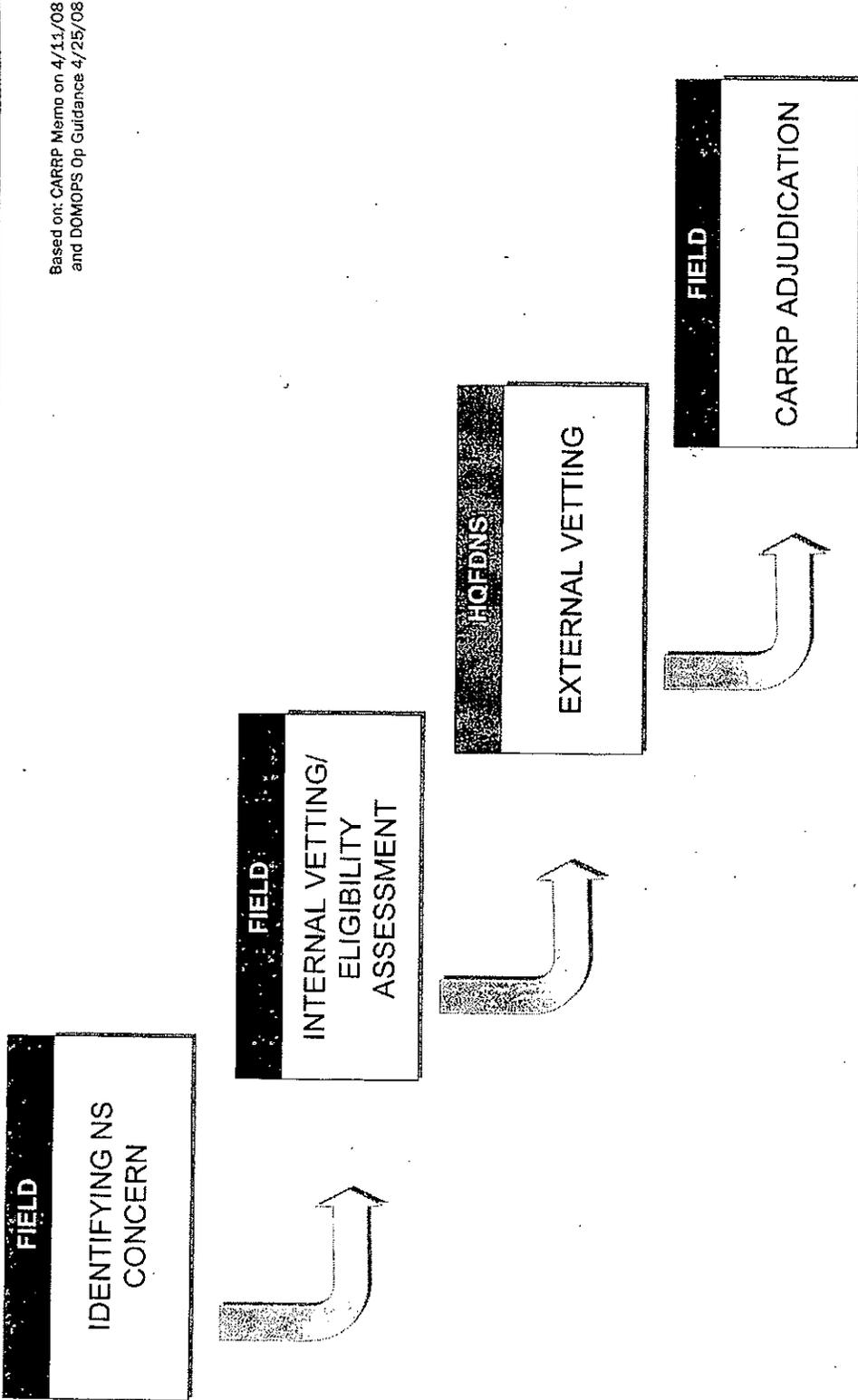
Note: At any time, customer service can occur between the Field and HQFDNS.
 Note: At any time, the TECS/BIS KST lookout is removed, the case will be designated NNS and released to routine adjudication.
 Note: At any time, a case can revert to a previous stage based on new information or feedback received.
 BCAU- Background Check Analysis Unit KST- Known or Suspected Terrorist
 NNS- Non-National Security NS- National Security
 NSAU- National Security Advisory Unit TSC- Terrorist Screening Center

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High Level CARRP KST Workflow

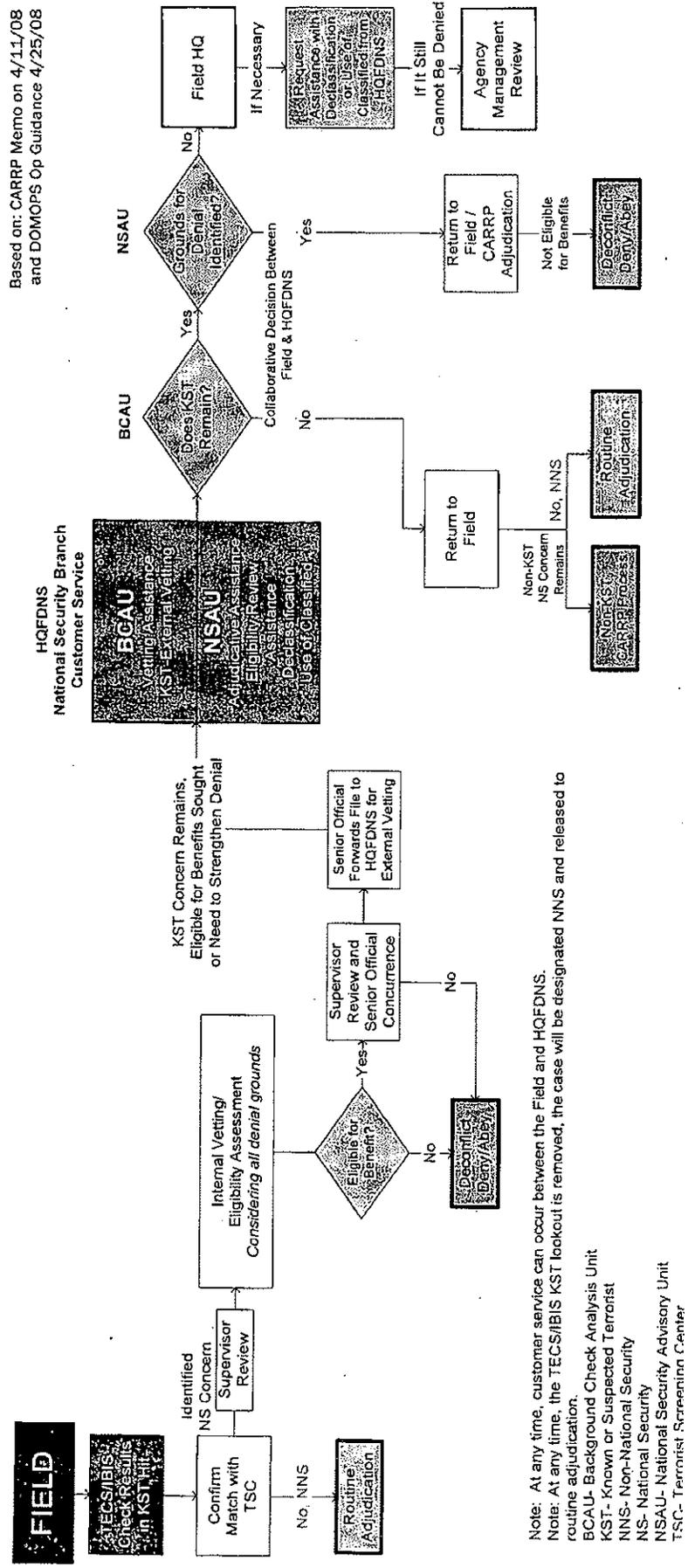


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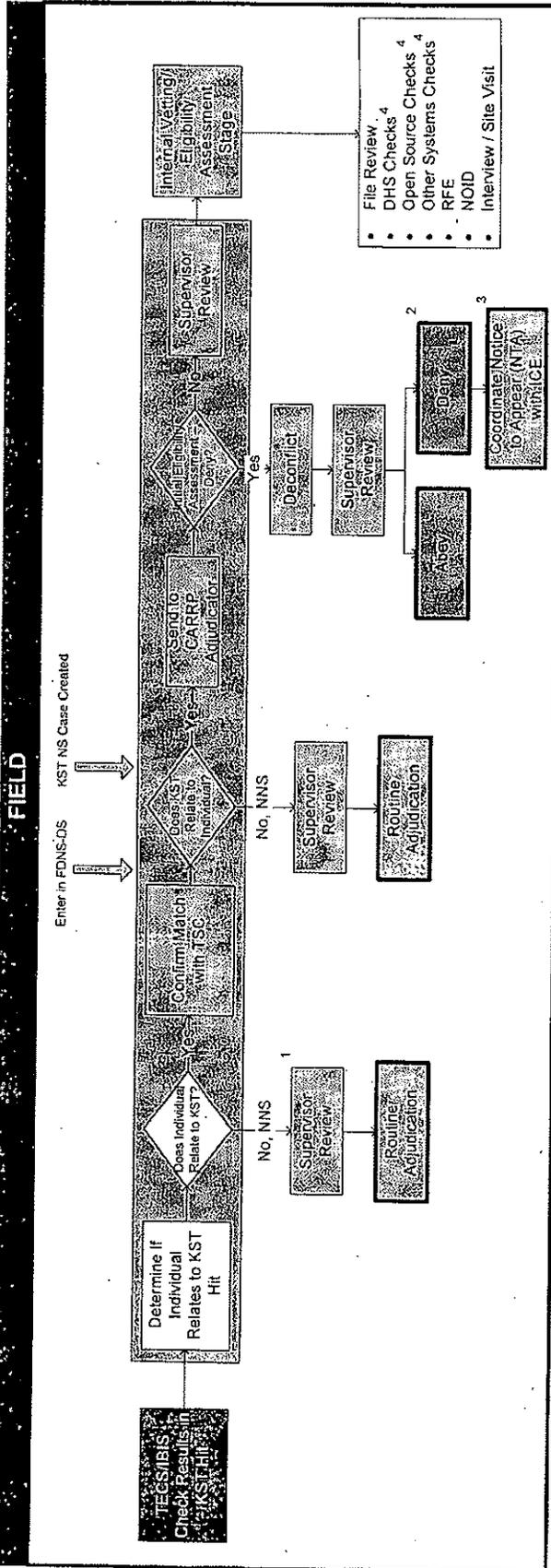
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Mid Level CARRP KST Workflow



Low Level CARRP KST Workflow: Identifying NS Concern

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and DOMCPS Op Guidance 4/25/08



Note: At any time, a NS Concern can be designated NNS and released to routine adjudication. Also at any time, a supervisor review can return a NS Concern or NS Case to an earlier stage in the CARRP process.

1. An IBIS Resolution Memo is produced at this point.

2. All references to denying a case also encompass the possibility of referring an asylum case to an Immigration Judge. (CARRP Memo, p. 5)

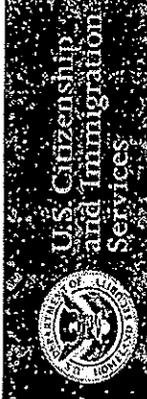
3. Coordinate NTA with ICE if individual is amenable to removal and present in the US.

4. Refer to DOMCPS Ops Guidance for a full review of all security checks which can be conducted.

Field- The Field refers to Field Offices, Service Centers, and the National Benefits Center.

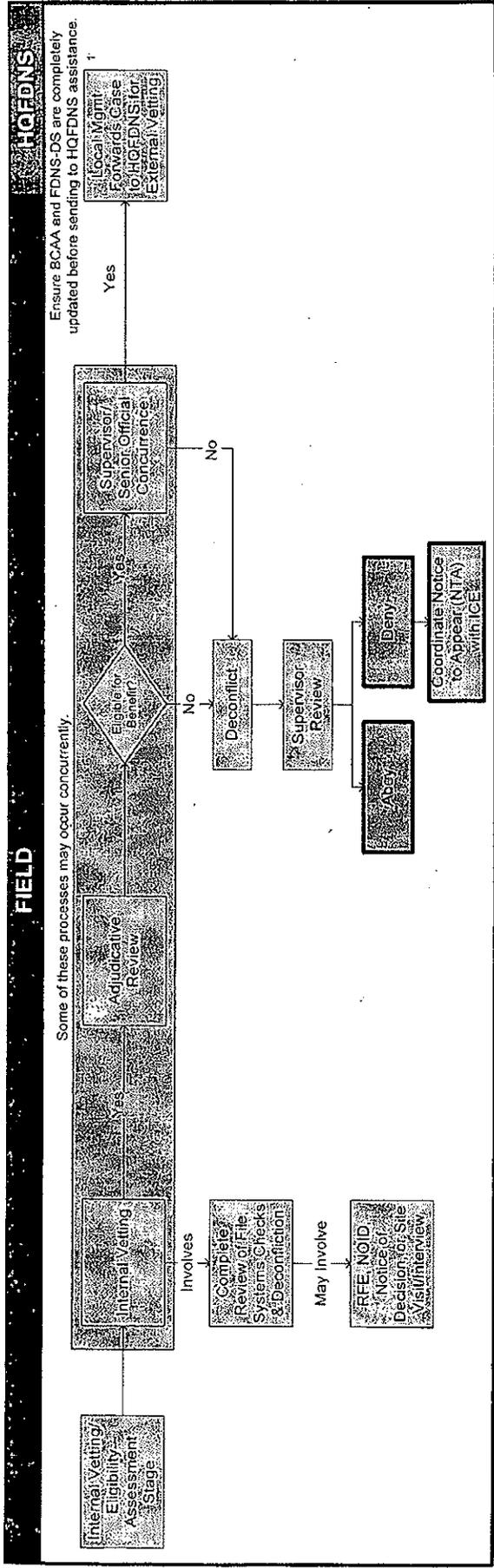
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Low Level CARRP KST Workflow: Internal Vetting/Eligibility Assessment

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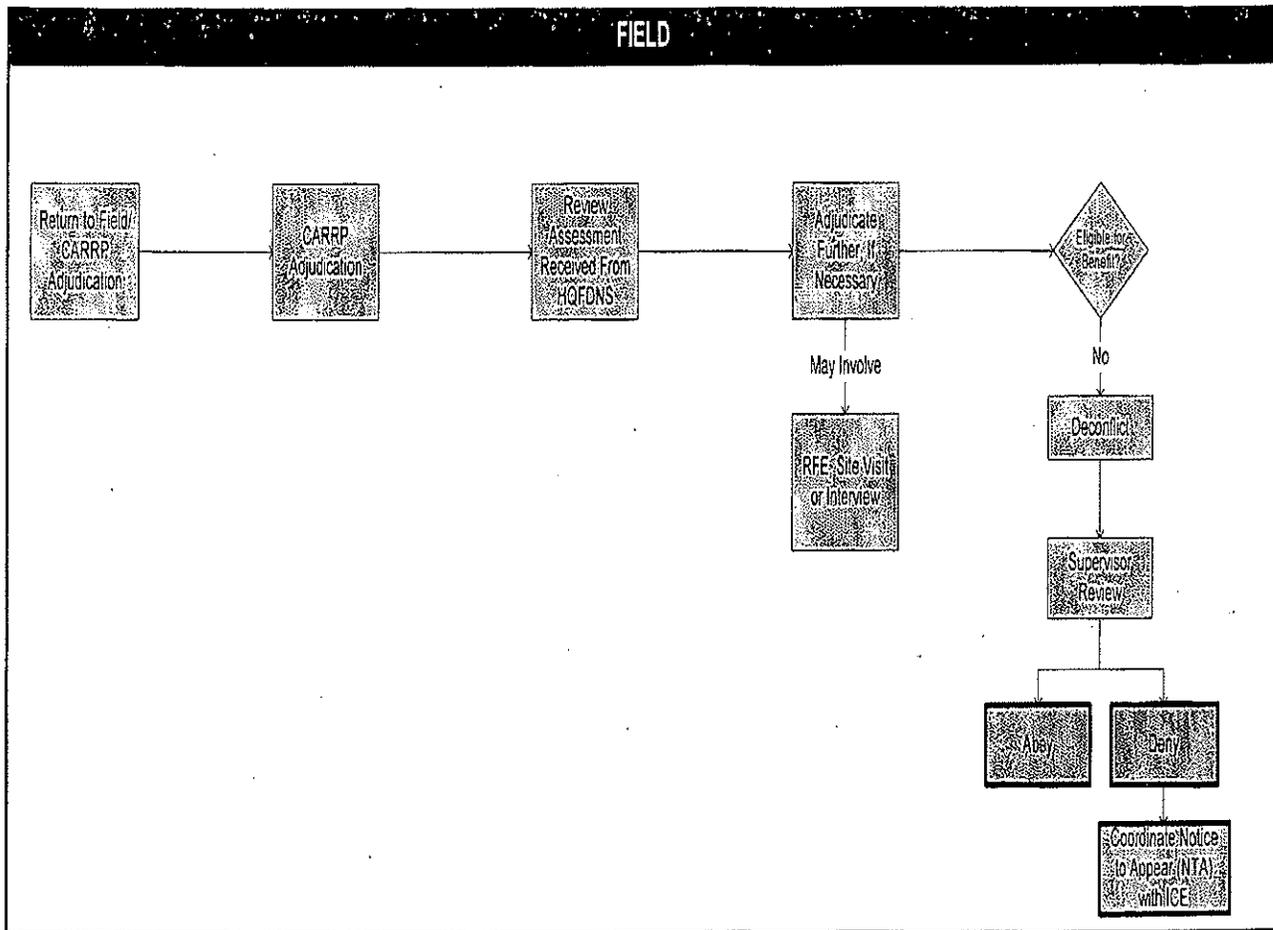
1. Forward file after confirming subject remains on the Terrorist Watch List, documenting all adjudicative actions in FDNS-DS, and attaching completed BCAA to FDNS-DS record. As digitization occurs, files may not be physically moved up to HQ/FD/NS, but will be digitally transferred. Refer to DOMOPS Ops Guidance for information concerning when vetting assistance may be requested from HQ/FD/NS.



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Low Level CARRP KST Workflow: CARRP Adjudication

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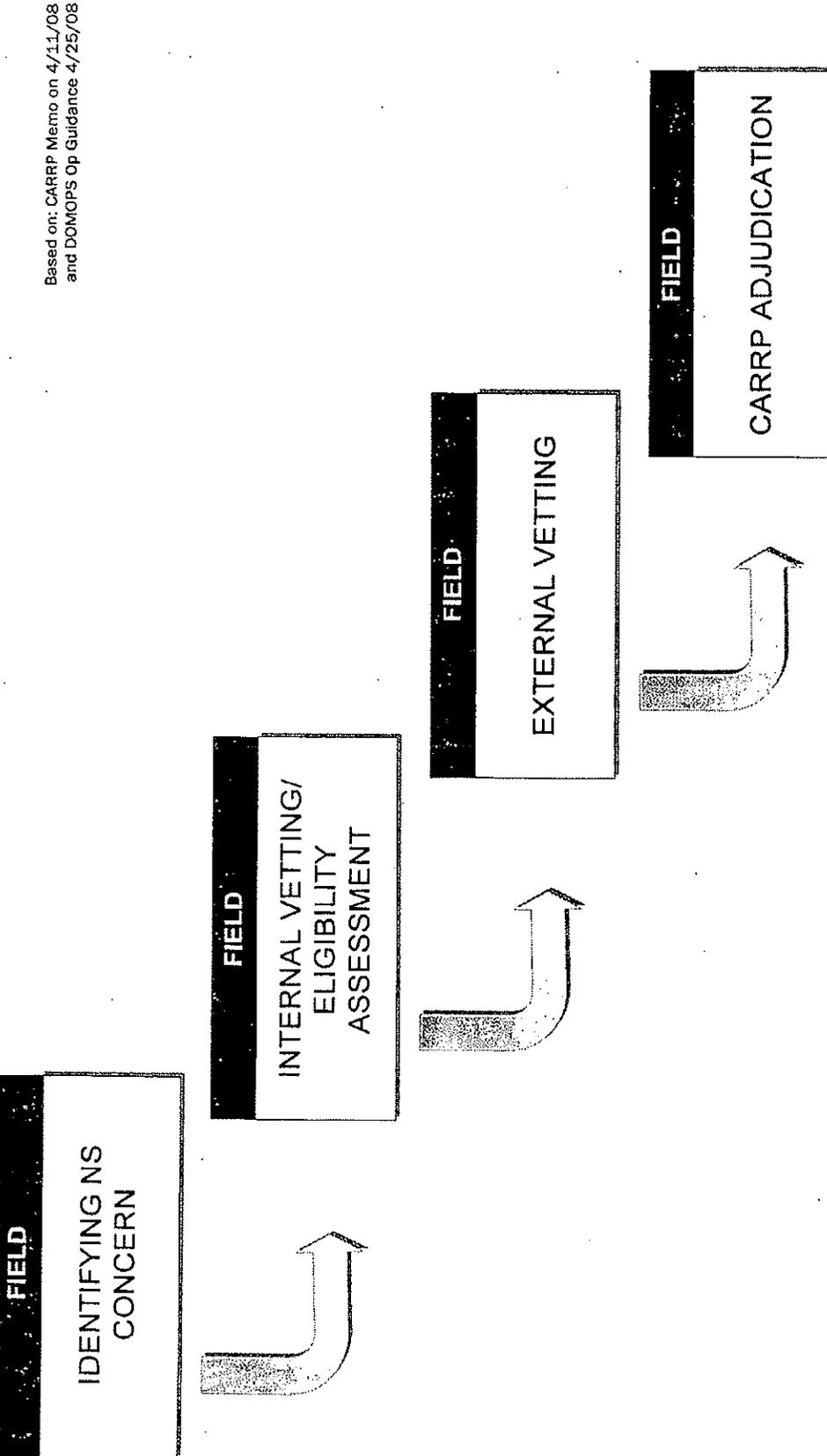


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High Level CARRP Non-KST Workflow



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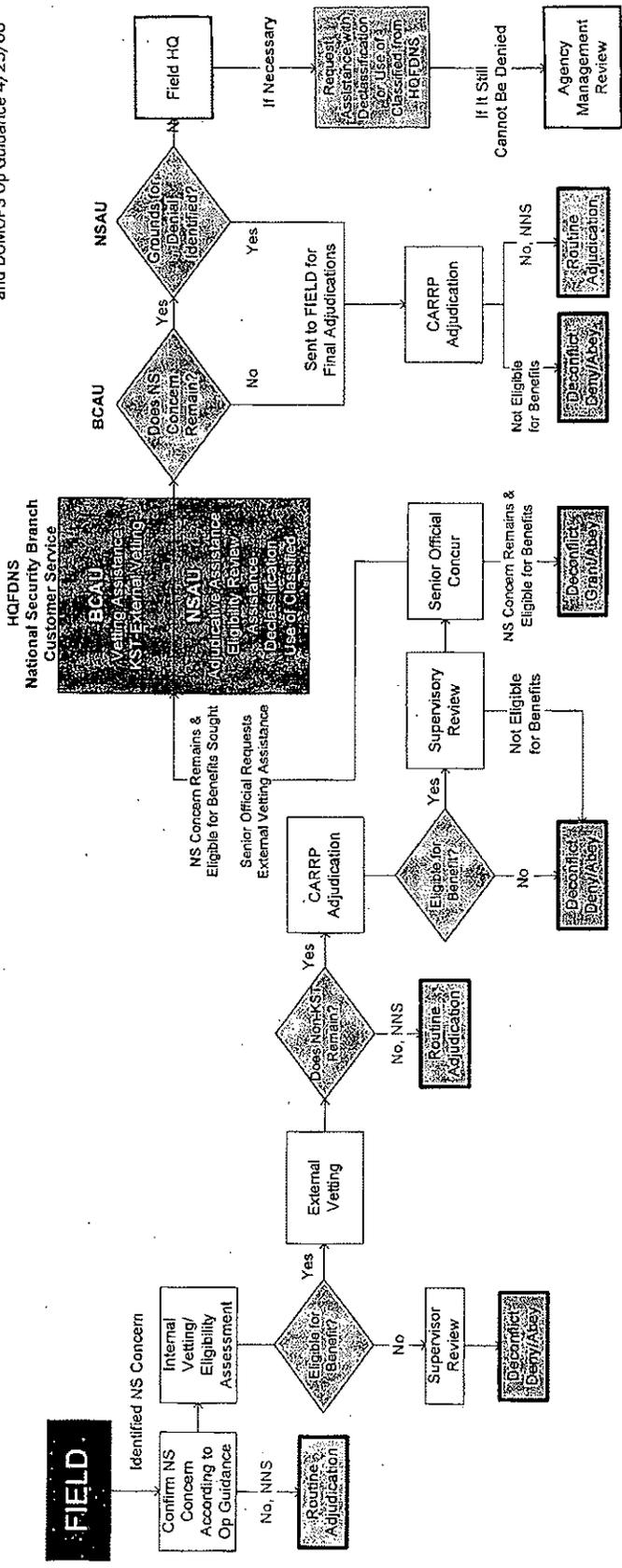
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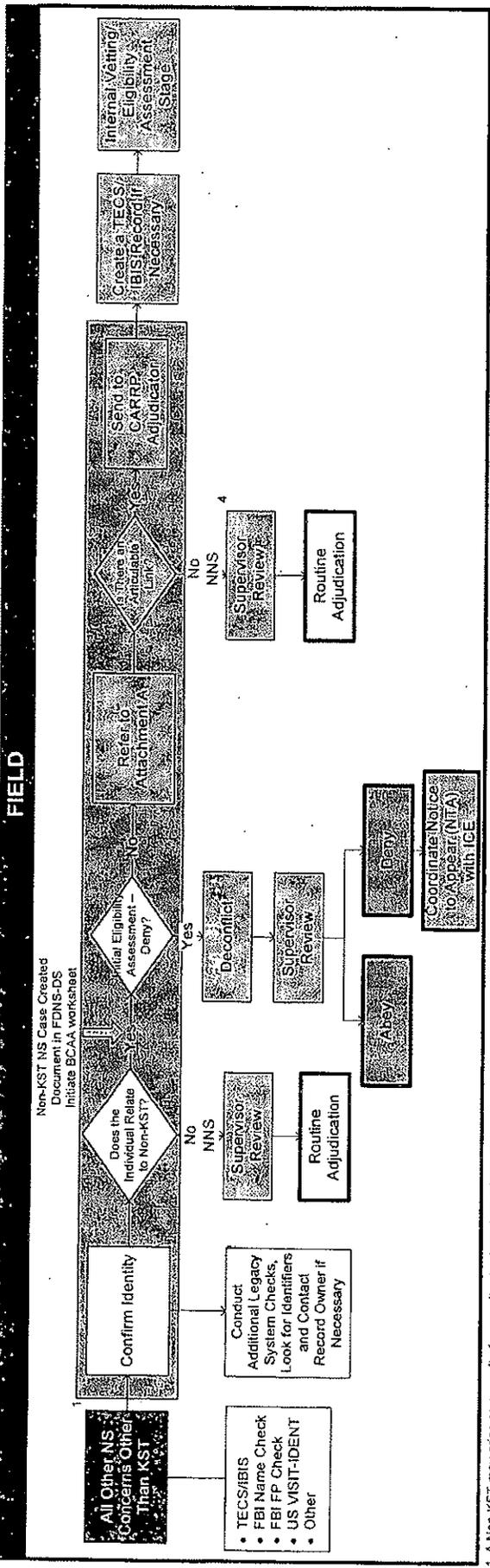


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 NNS- Non-National Security
 NS- National Security
 NSAU- National Security Advisory Unit



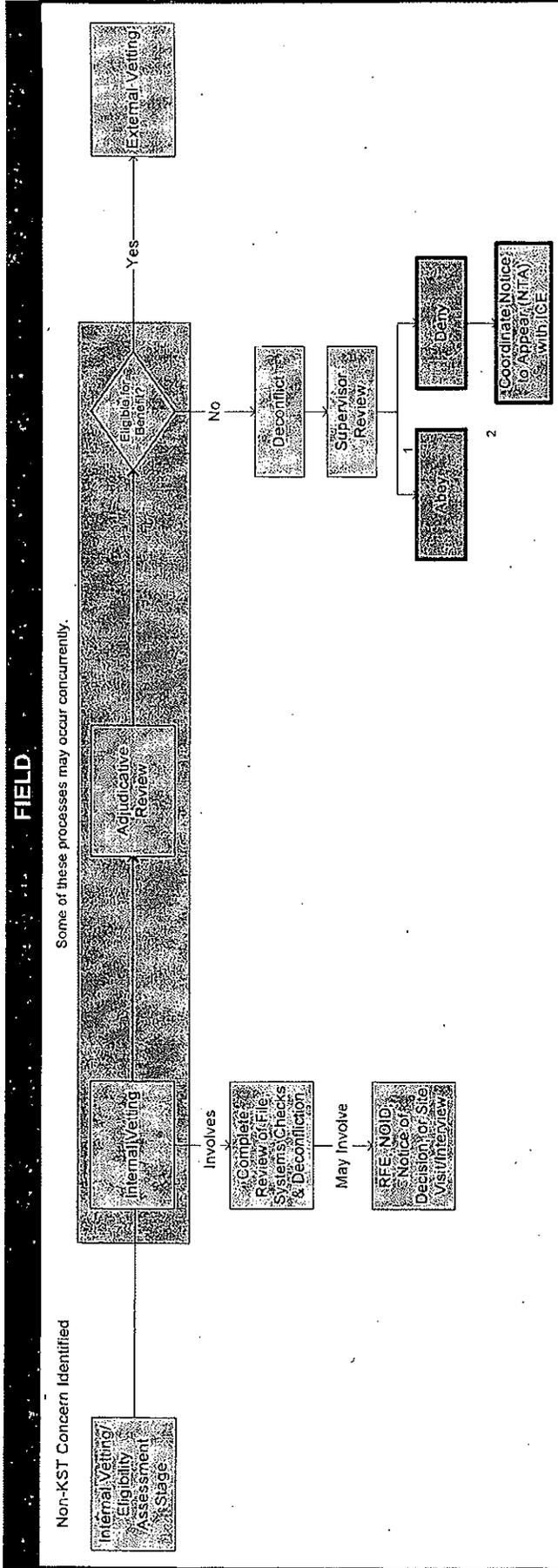
Low Level CARRP Non-KST Workflow: Identifying NS Concern

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Low Level CARRP Non-KST Workflow: Internal Vetting/Eligibility Assessment

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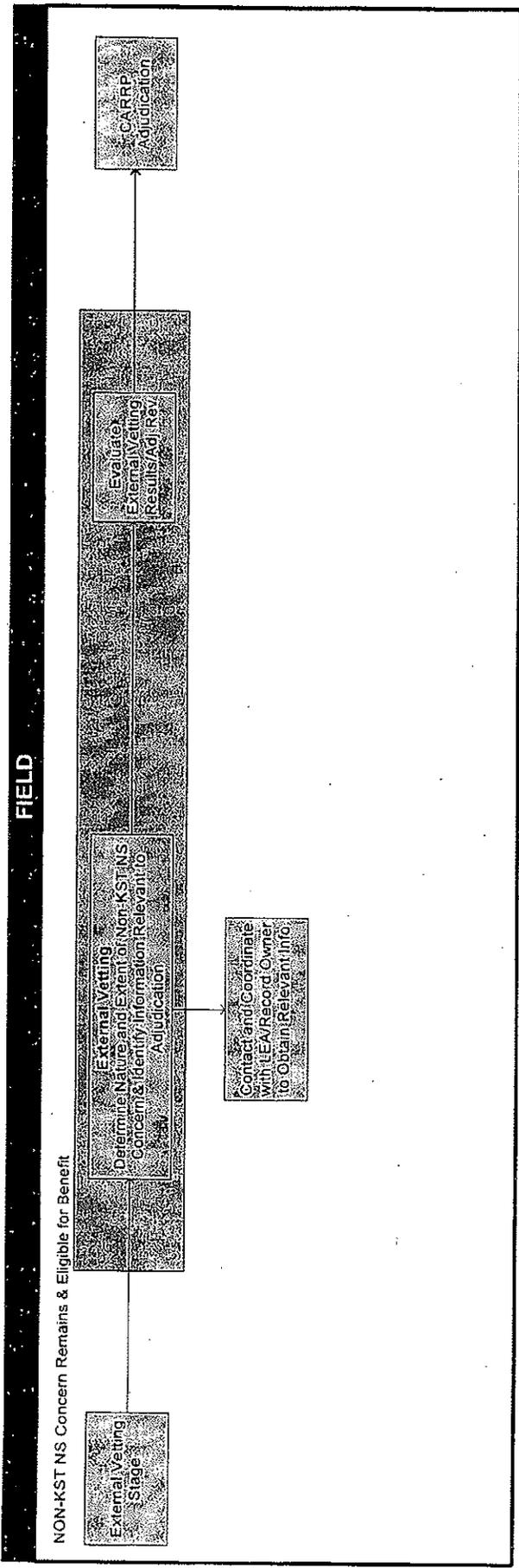
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Low Level CARRP Non-KST Workflow: External Vetting

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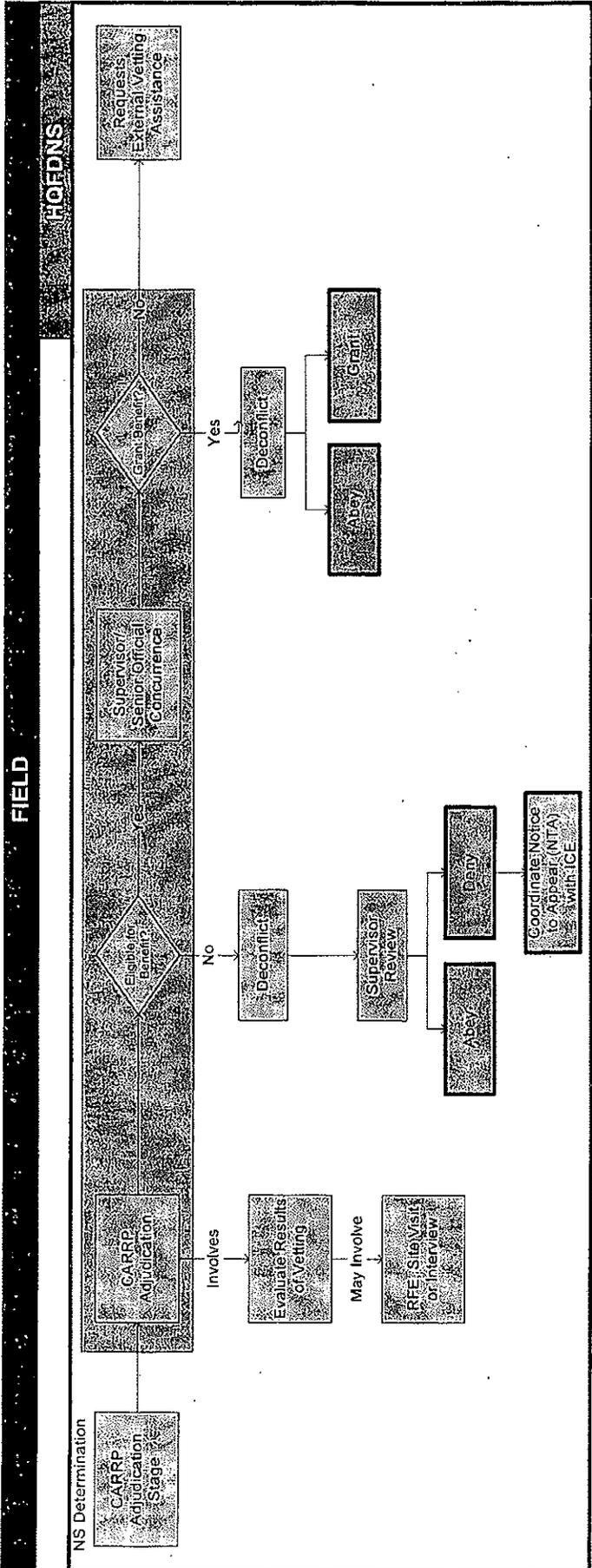
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Low Level CARRP Non-KST Workflow: CARRP Adjudication Part I

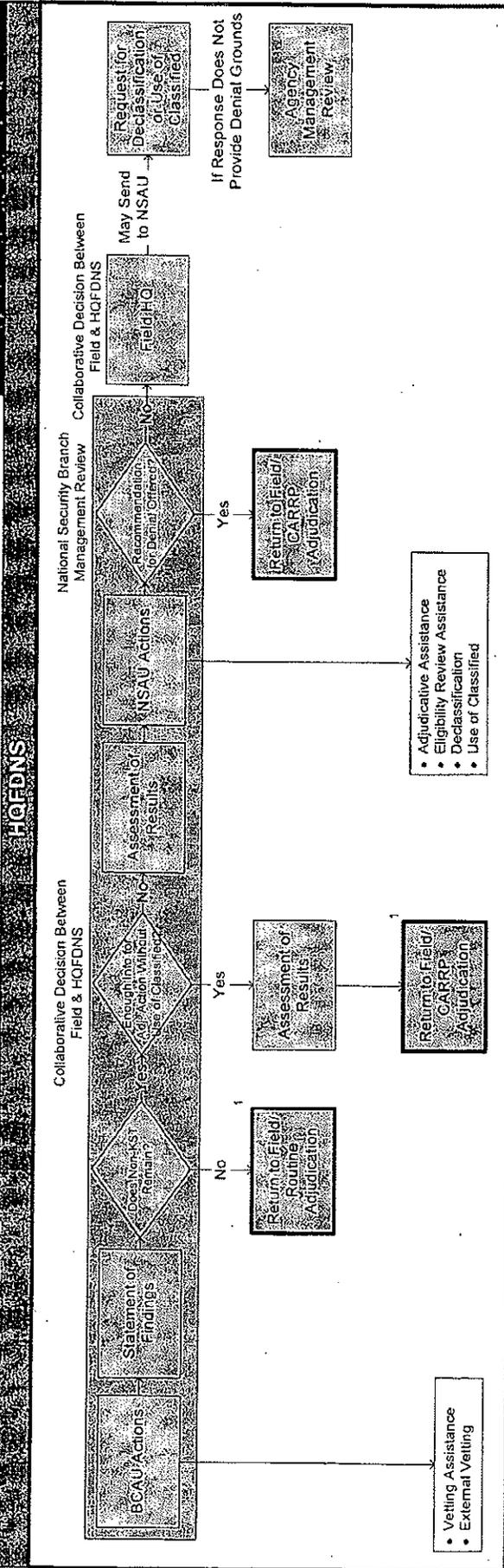
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Low Level CARRP Non-KST Workflow: CARRP Adjudication Part II

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FIELD



1. HQFDNS will notify the Field of results via FONS-DS, email, or STE&U-III.

BCAU- Background Check Analysis Unit

NSAU- National Security Advisory Unit

Field HQ- HQ Office of Field Operations (OFO) or HQ Service Operations (SCOPS) (p. 29 DOMOPS Ops Guidance)

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