



# Information Security Oversight Office

National Archives and Records Administration

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Dear Allen:

It is with deeply mixed emotions that I inform you I have decided to leave government service at the end of the calendar year. I am letting you know now so as to provide for a smooth transition. Until then, I will continue to give steadfast dedication to the important mission of the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO).

My time as the Director of ISOO has been an extraordinarily rewarding capstone to my 34 year career as a public servant. I want to express my sincere appreciation to the President for affording me this opportunity. I also have deep gratitude for your unwavering support since assuming leadership of the National Archives and for your friendship. Furthermore, it has been an honor for me to serve with the dedicated and highly capable people of ISOO. With your backing, the staff has been able to achieve extraordinary accomplishments, not the least of which has been overseeing the initial implementation within the Executive branch of the concept of automatic declassification of national security information, a goal which had proved elusive since the concept was first envisioned over 12 years ago. The men and women of ISOO constitute a stellar organization and you can be assured of their continued commitment.

The integrity of the security classification system is essential to our nation's continued well-being; yet it will not be maintained on its own. It requires clear, forceful and continuous leadership to make it happen. Within ISOO, and with your support, we have attempted to contribute such leadership.

I will miss all the great fellow public servants at the National Archives as I move on to the next phase of my professional life. Nonetheless, I look forward to new opportunities to serve this great nation and the American people.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill".

J. William Leonard  
Director

The Honorable Allen Weinstein  
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