MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
UNDER SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE
ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE
DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE AGENCIES
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SUBJECT: (U) Implementation of Public Law 111-258, the “Reducing Over-Classification Act,” Within the Department of Defense (Project No. D2013-DINT01-0016.000)

(U) We will begin the subject project immediately. Public Law 111-258, October 7, 2010, requires federal Inspectors General to evaluate the policies, procedures, rules, regulations, or management practices that may be contributing to persistent misclassification of material; and ascertain if the applicable classification policies, procedures, rules, and regulations have been adopted, followed, and effectively administered. This project will facilitate the timely reporting required by the Public Law to address the following:

- efforts by the Department to decrease over-classification; and
- efforts by the Department to promote information sharing and transparency in operations in compliance with law.

(U) We will perform this project at DoD and Component organizations. Additional organizations may be identified during the course of the research. We will fully consider suggestions from management on additional or revised objectives.

(U//FOUO) Please provide us a point of contact in writing, within 7 days of the date of this memorandum. The point of contact must be a Government employee, either a GS-15 or the military equivalent. Send the contact’s name, title, grade, phone number, and e-mail address by mail, by fax , or by e-mail to .

If you already provided a point of contact during the research phase of this effort, please confirm that the point of contact remains the same. In addition, if you have any questions, please contact

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