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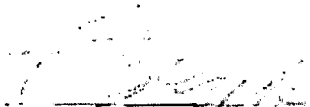
SUBJECT: Fundamental Classification Guidance Review

REFERENCES: A. Executive Order 13526 – *Classified National Security Information*, 29 December 2009  
B. 32 Code of Federal Regulations Part 2001.16(b) – *Classified National Security Information*, 28 June 2010

References A and B require agencies with original classification authority to conduct a comprehensive Fundamental Classification Guidance Review (FCGR) by 27 June 2012 and at least every five years thereafter. The purpose of the review is to ensure classification guidance, specifically security classification guides, reflects current circumstances and compliance with national classification policy. It is not intended to be a superficial review but a thoughtful, methodical process using the experience and knowledge of a variety of subject matter experts. The results of this review are to be reported to the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) with unclassified reports made available to the public.

Each Senior Agency Official received correspondence earlier this year from the ISOO requesting status reports on their efforts by no later than 29 July 2011, and again by 31 January 2012. The incremental status reports, as well as the final report due in June 2012, should be sent directly to ISOO with an information copy to ODNI/CIO/IMO. In each report, please ensure information pertaining to all security classification guides issued by your respective agencies, including controlled access program guides, is included. This will ensure information gleaned from any follow-on reports is as comprehensive as possible to best assist ISOO in meeting the President's goals for greater openness while protecting our legitimate national security interests.

Thank you for your continued commitment to this important initiative. Please contact John Hackett, Director of Information Management Office at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] if you have any questions.

  
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26 May 2011  
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