

DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
WASHINGTON, DC 20511

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Distribution

SUBJECT: (U) Intelligence Community Reporting and Investigation of Unauthorized Disclosures of Classified Information

REFERENCES: A. (U) DNI Memorandum E/S 00212, "Intelligence Community Handling of Classified Unauthorized Documents," dated 21 May 2010

B. (U) Intelligence Community Directive 701, "Security Policy Directive for Unauthorized Disclosures of Classified Information," dated 14 March 2007

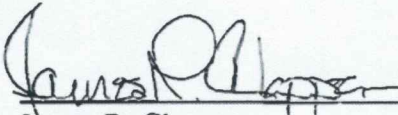
(U) Unauthorized disclosures of classified information represent a significant threat to national security and must be recognized for the egregious harm they cause to both the Intelligence Community (IC) and national security. For these reasons I am committed to reducing these unauthorized disclosures, or "leaks," within the IC and I know you are equally committed.

(U) Consistent with my authorities as Director of National Intelligence¹, specifically as they relate to my responsibilities to protect intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure, and in my role as Security Executive Agent for investigations related to access to classified information, I strongly encourage IC elements to utilize internal administrative procedures to uncover and resolve matters relating to unauthorized disclosures and to promptly pursue administrative remedies in those instances where criminal prosecution is not appropriate.

(U) I also want to emphasize the importance of reporting to me *all* instances where you have initiated a preliminary investigation into a suspected unauthorized disclosure. This reporting will allow me to carry out my legal responsibilities described in the above noted authorities, including our obligations to report to the Congress.

¹ National Security Act of 1947, as amended; Executive Order 12333, as amended, "United States Intelligence Activities" dated 30 July 2008; Executive Order 13526, "Classified National Security Information," dated 29 December 2009; Executive Order 13467, "Reforming Processes Related to Suitability for Government Employment, Fitness for Contractor Employees, and Eligibility for Access to Classified National Security Information," dated June 30, 2008.

(U) I appreciate your continued attention to promptly and thoroughly responding to the problem of "leaks." Guidance for responding to unauthorized disclosure incidents is attached for use by your agencies. Questions regarding this guidance should be directed to (b)(3)(b)(6) (b)(3)(b)(6) Office of National Counterintelligence Executive/Security. (b)(3)(b)(6) can be reached at (b)(3)(b)(6)



James R. Clapper

7 MAY 2011

Date

Attachment:

(U) Procedures and Guidance for Conducting Investigations of Unauthorized Disclosures

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