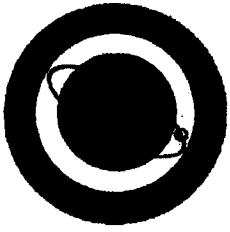


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21 July 2011

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, INFORMATION SECURITY OVERSIGHT OFFICE

SUBJECT: Progress Report on Fundamental Classification Guidance Review

- REFERENCES: (a) Executive Order 13526 - *Classified National Security Information*, 29 December 2009
- (b) Information Security Oversight Office memorandum, *Fundamental Classification Guidance Review*, 27 January 2011
- (c) ODNI Memorandum, *Fundamental Classification Guidance Review*, 26 May 2011

The National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) is providing this progress report on our Fundamental Classification Guide Review as requested in references (b) and (c).

In 2009, the NRO Office of Security and Counterintelligence (OS&CI) submitted to the Director, NRO (DNRO) a Strategic Initiative to develop an Integrated NRO Classification Guide (INCG). The DNRO approved this request and work began on this project in July 2009. The objective of this initiative was to integrate all NRO classification guides with a standard set of classification requirements and individual annexes of classification tables maintained by Directorates and Offices (D&Os) according to instructions issued by the INCG manager. The desired outcome was to make the INCG more agile, timely, consistent, uniform, and flexible in providing classification guidance and principles at the lowest appropriate classification level.

An Integrated Process Team (IPT) was formed consisting of classification specialists from all D&Os with classification guides to submit suggestions for change, review issues and areas where uniformity needs to be achieved, and to review and comment during coordination of the final product. Once a draft was achieved, it was sent through the D&Os, the National Security Agency (NSA), and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) for comment and coordination. Over 400 comments were received and resolved, resulting in only one final "non-concur" and one "concur with comment". The INCG will now enter the DNRO

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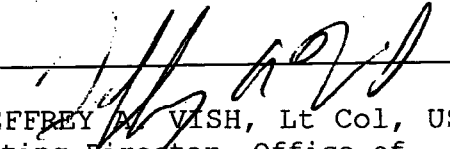
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Corporate Decision Process which consists of an ascending level of NRO Corporate Group, Board, and Council sessions which receive briefings on the Guide and discuss and resolve any remaining concerns, resulting in a final version signed by the DNRO who is an Original Classification Authority (OCA). During these deliberations, all NRO OCAs are in attendance and participate as well as NSA and NGA representatives.

We are ready to enter the DNRO Corporate Decision Process which should be completed this summer. Once the initial INCG is published, we will create all the annexes for the remaining guides with a target date for completion of 27 June 2012.

The attached table reflects which guides are currently being integrated into the INCG and the schedule for the remaining guides.

My point of contact for questions concerning this submission is [REDACTED] [REDACTED].



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Attachment:

(U) Table - Status of Fundamental Classification Guidance Review (U//~~FOUO~~)

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## Attachment

(U) Status of Fundamental Classification Guidance Review (FCCR)

Classification Guide Title	Last Review	FCCR Initiated	Estimated Completion Date (ECD)	Estimated Initiation Date	ECD	Date Completed
(U//FOUO) NEXUS COLONY PCG	24 Nov 08			Sep 11	Jun 12	
(U//FOUO) DAILY WATCH SCG	9 Dec 08			Sep 11	Jun 12	
(U//FOUO) RAPID PATHFINDER SCG	8 Jan 09			Sep 11	Jun 12	
(U//FOUO) Square Dance CG	31 Oct 09			Sep 11	Jun 12	
(U) LPG SCG	16 Sep 09			Sep 11	Jun 12	
(U) COMM PCG, V3.4	26 Feb 10	Sep 09	Sep 11			
(U) Annex A – Relay PCG, V. 2.4	2 Apr 10			Sep 11	Jun 12	
(U) Annex B – IBS-S PCG V.4.4	1 Apr 10			Sep 11	Jun 12	
(U//FOUO) [REDACTED]	2 Apr 10			Sep 11	Jun 12	
(U) Annex H – Mobile Communications (MCOM) Branch CG, V1.2	31 Oct 08			Sep 11	Jun 12	
(U) Annex I – FACTS PCG, V. 1.0	11 Nov 08			Sep 11	Jun 12	
(U) Annex P – Classified Program, V1,0	4 Feb 10			Sep 11	Jun 12	
(U) GeoLITE Updated CG	7 Nov 08			Sep 11	Jun 12	
(U) IMINT PCG	19 Feb 09	Sep 09	Sep 11			
(U) NGeo SCG	2 Jun 09			Sep 11	Jun 12	
(U) Launch Info Protection Guide	1 May 09			Sep 11	Jun 12	
(U) NRO MGS Declassification Guide	15 Oct 08			Sep 11	Jun 12	
(U) Collection of Broadcast from Remote Assets (COBRA)	12 Jan 10			Sep 11	Jun 12	
(U) CORAL Classification Guide	Jan 07			Sep 11	Jun 12	
(U) HYDRA Classification Guide	10 Mar 10			Sep 11	Jun 12	
(U) NEEDLE Classification Guide	10 Mar 10			Sep 11	Jun 12	
(U) TENCAP Advanced Systems Solution (TASS)	Jun 09			Sep 11	Jun 12	

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Classification Guide						
(U) OPED Classification Guide	10 Feb 10			Sep 11	Jun 12	
(U) AOIO Classification Guide	10 Feb 10			Sep 11	Jun 12	
(U) NRO Ops Squadron (NOPS) Information Protection Guide	2 Apr 07			Sep 11	Jun 12	
(U) NRO Classification Guide	28 May 10	Sep 09	Sep 11			
(U) NRO Special Communications Protection Strategy and SCG	3 May 07	Sep 09	Sep 11			
(U) SIGINT SCG	12 Aug 10	Sep 09	Sep 11			
(U) Annex a.1: Classified Program	12 Aug 10			Sep 11	Jun 12	
(U) [REDACTED]	12 Aug 10			Sep 11	Jun 12	
(U) [REDACTED]	12 Aug 10			Sep 11	Jun 12	
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(U) Annex c.3: Classified Program	12 Aug 10			Sep 11	Jun 12	
(U) Annex c.4: Classified Program	12 Aug 10			Sep 11	Jun 12	
(U) [REDACTED]	12 Aug 10			Sep 11	Jun 12	
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