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CJCS Notice 5121
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IMPLEMENTATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 13142, "AMENDMENT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 12958--CLASSIFIED NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION"

References: a. Executive Order 12958, 20 April 1995, "Classified National Security Information."
b. "Executive Order 13142, 19 November 1999, 'Amendment to Executive Order 12958 -- Classified National Security Information.'"

1. Purpose. This notice alerts the combatant commands of changes in requirements for automatic declassification under the provisions of Executive Order 12958.

2. Cancellation. None.

3. Applicability. This notice applies to all combatant commands.

4. Background

a. Reference a required all agencies that originate classified information to establish systematic declassification review programs. Permanent records 25 years old or older were to be reviewed, and if not meeting specific exemption criteria, were to be declassified by 17 April 2000. Records not reviewed by originators would be automatically declassified on that date.

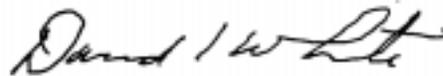
b. Reference b, recognizing the magnitude and the importance of conducting a thorough and efficient declassification of national security information, has extended the previous deadline of E.O. 12958 by 18 months to 17 October 2001. For multiagency equities and intelligence records, the deadline was extended by 3 years to 17 April 2003.

5. Action or Procedure. Combatant commands are to ensure sufficient personnel and resources are allocated to properly review and exempt national security information contained in each command's permanent records holdings.

6. Releasability. This notice is approved for public release; distribution is unlimited. DOD components (to include the combatant commands), other Federal agencies, and the public may obtain copies of this notice through the Internet from the CJCS Directives Home Page-- <http://www.dtic.mil/doctrine>. Copies are also available through the Government Printing Office on the Joint Electronic Library CD-ROM.

7. Effective Date. This notice is effective upon receipt.

For the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David C. White".

DAVID C. WHITE
COLONEL, USA
SECRETARY, JOINT STAFF

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