

Information that falls within any of the categories in §§ 158.7 through 158.10 and in 44 FR 4403 shall be declassified if the designated DoD reviewer determines, in light of the declassification considerations contained in § 158.11 that classification no longer is required. In the absence of such a declassification determination, the classification of the information shall continue as long as required by national security considerations.

(e) Before any declassification or downgrading action, DoD information under review should be coordinated with the Department of State on subjects cited in § 158.12, and with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) on subjects cited in § 158.13.

§ 158.6 Responsibilities.

(a) The *Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy* shall:

(1) Exercise oversight and policy supervision over the implementation of this part.

(2) Request DoD Components to review §§ 158.7 through 158.11 of this part every 5 years.

(3) Revise §§ 158.7 through 158.11 to ensure they meet DoD needs.

(4) Authorize, when appropriate, other Federal agencies to apply this part to DoD information in their possession.

(b) The *Head of each DoD Component* shall:

(1) Recommend changes to §§ 158.7 through 158.13 of this part.

(2) Propose, with respect to specific programs, projects, and systems under his or her classification jurisdiction, supplements to §§ 158.7 through 158.11 of this part.

(3) Provide advice and designate experienced personnel to provide timely assistance to the Archivist of the United States in the systematic review of records under this part.

(c) The *Director, National Security Agency/Chief, Central Security Service (NSA/CSS)*, shall develop, for approval by the Secretary of Defense, special procedures for systematic review and declassification of classified cryptologic information.

(d) The *Archivist of the United States* is authorized to apply this part when reviewing DoD classified information

that has been accessioned into the Archives of the United States.

§ 158.7 Categories of information that require review before declassification.

The following categories of information shall be reviewed systematically for declassification by designated DoD review in accordance with this part:

(a) Nuclear propulsion information.

(b) Information concerning the establishment, operation, and support of the U.S. Atomic Energy Detection System.

(c) Information concerning the safeguarding of nuclear materials or facilities.

(d) Information that could affect the conduct of current or future U.S. foreign relations. (Also see § 158.12.)

(e) Information that could affect the current or future military usefulness of policies, programs, weapon systems, operations, or plans when such information would reveal courses of action, concepts, tactics, or techniques that are used in current operations plans.

(f) Research, development, test, and evaluation (RDT&E) of chemical and biological weapons and defensive systems; specific identification of chemical and biological agents and munitions; chemical and biological warfare plans; and U.S. vulnerability to chemical or biological warfare attack.

(g) Information about capabilities, installations, exercises, research, development, testing and evaluation, plans, operations, procedures, techniques, organization, training, sensitive liaison and relationships, and equipment concerning psychological operations; escape, evasion, rescue and recovery, insertion, and infiltration and exfiltration; cover and support; deception; unconventional warfare and special operations; and the personnel assigned to or engaged in these activities.

(h) Information that reveals sources or methods of intelligence or counterintelligence, counterintelligence activities, special activities, identities of clandestine human agents, methods of special operations, analytical techniques for the interpretation of intelligence data, and foreign intelligence reporting. This includes information