

paragraph (k)(1)(i) of this section, that upgrading of the related items is warranted, prompt notice of the determination shall be given to all holders of the related information.

(l) *Compilation of Information.* Certain information that would otherwise be unclassified may require classification when combined or associated with other unclassified information. However, a compilation of unclassified items of information should normally not be classified. In unusual circumstances, classification may be required if the combination of unclassified items of information provides an added factor that warrants classification under paragraph (c) of this section. Classification on this basis shall be fully supported by a written explanation that will be provided with the material so classified.

(m) *Extracts of Information.* Information extracted from a classified source shall be derivatively classified or not classified in accordance with the classification markings shown in the source. The overall and internal markings of the source should supply adequate classification guidance. If internal markings or classification guidance are not found in the source, and no reference is made to an applicable and available classification guide, the extracted information shall be classified according either to the overall marking of the source, or guidance obtained from the classifier of the source material.

§ 159a.16 Duration of original classification.

(a) *General.* When a determination is made by an official with authority to classify originally information as Top Secret, Secret, or Confidential, such official must also determine how long the classification shall remain in effect.

(b) *Duration of Classification.* (1) Information shall be classified as long as required by national security considerations.

(2) When it can be determined, a specific date or event for declassification shall be set by the original classification authority at the time the information is classified originally. Such dates or events shall be consistent with na-

tional security. Any event specified for declassification shall be an event certain to occur.

(3) Original classification authorities may not be able to predetermine a date or event for automatic declassification in which case they shall provide for the indefinite duration of classification.

(4) Information classified under predecessor orders and marked for declassification review shall remain classified until reviewed for declassification under the provisions of this part.

(c) *Subsequent Extension of Duration of Classification.* The duration of classification specified at the time of original classification may be extended only by officials with requisite original classification authority and only if all known holders of the information can be notified of such action before the date or event previously set for declassification. Any decision to continue classification of information designated for automatic declassification under E.O. 12065 or predecessor orders, other than on a document-by-document basis, shall be reported to the DUSD(P) who shall, in turn, report to the Director, ISOO.

§ 159a.17 Classification guides.

(a) *General.* (1) A classification guide shall be issued for each classified system, program, plan, or project as soon as practicable before the initial funding or implementation of the system, program, plan or project. Successive operating echelons shall prescribe more detailed supplemental guides that are considered essential to assure accurate and consistent classification. In preparing classification guides, originators shall review DoD 5200.1-H⁵.

(2) Classification guides shall:

(i) Identify the information elements to be protected, using categorization to the extent necessary to ensure that the information involved can be identified readily and uniformly;

(ii) State which the classification designations (that is, Top Secret, Secret, or Confidential) applies to each element or category of information;

(iii) State declassification instructions for each element or category of information in terms of a period of

⁵See footnote 2 to § 159a.3.