

25X2: reveal information that would assist in the development or use of weapons of mass destruction;

25X3: reveal information that would impair U.S. cryptologic systems or activities;

25X4: reveal information that would impair the application of state-of-the-art technology within a U.S. weapon system;

25X5: reveal actual U.S. military war plans that remain in effect;

25X6: reveal information, including foreign government information, that would seriously and demonstrably impair relations between the United States and a foreign government, or seriously and demonstrably undermine ongoing diplomatic activities of the United States;

25X7: reveal information that would clearly and demonstrably impair the current ability of United States Government officials to protect the President, Vice President, and other protectees for whom protection services, in the interest of the national security, are authorized;

25X8: reveal information that would seriously and demonstrably impair current national security emergency preparedness plans or reveal current vulnerabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, or projects relating to the national security; or

25X9: violate a statute, treaty, or international agreement.

(3) The pertinent portion of the marking would appear as:

Declassify On: 25X-State-of-the-art technology within a U.S. weapon system, October 1, 2020

or

Declassify On: 25X4, October 1, 2020

(4) Documents should not be marked with a "25X" marking until the agency has been informed that the President or the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel concurs with the proposed exemption. Agencies that have submitted proposed exemptions or a declassification guide to the ISCAP may mark documents with "25X" categories, while waiting for ISCAP concurrence, unless otherwise notified by the Panel's Executive Secretary.

(5) Agencies need not apply a "25X" marking to individual documents contained in a file series exempted from automatic declassification under section 3.3(c) of the Order until the individual document is removed from the file.

§ 2001.22 Derivative classification [2.1].

(a) *General.* Information classified derivatively on the basis of source documents or classification guides shall bear all markings prescribed in § 2001.20 and § 2001.21, except as provided in this section. Information for these markings shall be carried forward from the source document or taken from instructions in the appropriate classification guide.

(b) *Source of derivative classification.*

(1) The derivative classifier shall

concisely identify the source document or the classification guide on the "Derived From" line, including the agency and, where available, the office of origin, and the date of the source or guide. An example might appear as:

Derived From: Memo, "Funding Problems," October 20, 2003, Office of Administration, Department of Good Works

or

Derived From: CG No. 1, Department of Good Works, dated October 20, 2003

(i) When a document is classified derivatively on the basis of more than one source document or classification guide, the "Derived From" line shall appear as: Derived From: Multiple Sources

(ii) The derivative classifier shall maintain the identification of each source with the file or record copy of the derivatively classified document. When practicable, this list should be included in or with all copies of the derivatively classified document.

(2) A document derivatively classified on the basis of a source document that is itself marked "Multiple Sources" shall cite the source document on its "Derived From" line rather than the term "Multiple Sources." An example might appear as:

Derived From: Report entitled, "New Weapons," dated October 20, 2003, Department of Good Works, Office of Administration

(c) *Reason for classification.* The reason for the original classification decision, as reflected in the source document(s) or classification guide, is not required to be transferred in a derivative classification action. If included, however, it shall conform to the standards in § 2001.21(a)(3).

(d) *Declassification instructions.* (1) The derivative classifier shall carry forward the instructions on the "Declassify On" line from the source document to the derivative document, or the duration instruction from the classification or declassification guide.

(2) When a document is classified derivatively on the basis of more than one source document or more than one element of a classification guide, the "Declassify On" line shall reflect the longest duration of any of its sources.

(i) When a document is classified derivatively either from a source document(s) or a classification guide that contains the declassification instruction, "Originating Agency's Determination Required," or "OADR," or from a source document(s) or a classification guide that contains any of the exemption markings X1 through X8. Unless otherwise instructed by the

original classifier, the derivative classifier shall carry forward:

(A) The fact that the source document(s) was marked with this instruction; and

(B) The date of origin of the most recent source document(s), classification guides, or specific information, as appropriate to the circumstances.

(ii) Examples might appear as:

Declassify On: Source Marked "OADR", Date of source: October 20, 1990

or

Declassify On: Source Marked "X1", Date of source: October 20, 2000

(iii) Either of these markings will permit the determination of when the classified information is 25 years old and, if permanently valuable, subject to automatic declassification under section 3.3 of the Order.

(e) *Overall marking.* The derivative classifier shall conspicuously mark the classified document with the highest level of classification of information included in the document, as provided in § 2001.21(b).

(f) *Portion marking.* Each portion of a derivatively classified document shall be marked in accordance with its source, and as provided in § 2001.21(c).

§ 2001.23 Additional requirements [1.6].

(a) *Marking prohibitions.* Markings other than "Top Secret," "Secret," and "Confidential," such as "For Official Use Only," "Sensitive But Unclassified," "Limited Official Use," or "Sensitive Security Information" shall not be used to identify classified national security information. No other term or phrase shall be used in conjunction with these markings, such as "Secret Sensitive" or "Agency Confidential," to identify classified national security information. The terms "Top Secret," "Secret," and "Confidential" should not be used to identify non-classified executive branch information.

(b) *Agency prescribed special markings.* Agencies shall refrain from the use of special markings when they merely restate or emphasize the principles and standards of the Order and this part. Upon request, the senior agency official shall provide the Director of ISOO with a written explanation for the use of agency special markings.

(c) *Transmittal documents.* A transmittal document shall indicate on its face the highest classification level of any classified information attached or enclosed. The transmittal shall also include conspicuously on its face the following or similar instructions, as appropriate: