(U) REPORTING UNAUTHORIZED MEDIA DISCLOSURES OF CLASSIFIED NSA/CSS INFORMATION

(U) PURPOSE AND SCOPE

(U) This document establishes policy and procedures and assigns responsibilities for identifying unauthorized disclosures of classified NSA/CSS information appearing in the media and for communicating significant disclosures to NSA/CSS organizations, the Department of Defense, the Director of National Intelligence, and the Department of Justice. This policy implements References a-c.

(U) This policy addresses only unauthorized disclosures of classified NSA/CSS information that appear in the media.

(U) This policy does not address procedures and responsibilities subsequent to the determination that unauthorized media disclosures do not meet the criteria for significant disclosures. In those cases, the evaluating organizations may still have further internal or corporate obligations to pursue that are beyond the scope of this policy.

(U) This policy applies to all NSA/CSS elements worldwide.

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(U) This Policy 1-27 supersedes portions of NSA/CSS Regulation 10-2, dated 23 November 1992, that relate to reporting significant unauthorized media disclosures of classified NSA/CSS information.

(U) OPI: Information Policy, DC32, 963-4582s.

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(U) REFERENCES

19. (U) References:


(U) DEFINITIONS

20. (U) Classified NSA/CSS Information – Information that is classified pursuant to the standards of Executive Order 12958, as amended, or any predecessor order. It includes, but is not limited to, intelligence and intelligence-related information, sensitive compartmented information (information concerning or derived from intelligence sources and methods), and cryptologic information (information concerning communications security and signals intelligence, including information which is also sensitive compartmented information) protected by Section 798 of Title 18, United States Code.

21. (U) Media – Any print, electronic, or broadcast outlet (including blogs) where information is made available to the general public.

22. (U) Need-to-know – The determination by an authorized holder of classified information that a prospective recipient, with appropriate security clearance, requires access to specific classified information in order to perform or assist in a lawful and authorized governmental function.

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24. (U) Unauthorized Disclosure – A communication or physical transfer of classified information to one or more persons who do not have the appropriate security clearance, access approval, and need-to-know to receive such information.
(U) ANNEX

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