



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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REFORMATION OF THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE EFFORT

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in order to ensure that the United States can effectively conduct its intelligence effort, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Goals: The United States intelligence effort shall provide the President and the National Security Council with necessary information on which to base decisions concerning the conduct and development of foreign policy and the protection of United States national interests from foreign security threats. All departments and agencies shall cooperate fully to fulfill this goal.

Section 2. The Intelligence Community: The United States Intelligence Community (IC) shall be an executive branch department of the federal government of the United States. The IC shall be led by the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) who shall be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate.

- (a) The DNI shall have two Deputy Directors of National Intelligence (DDNI) who shall be appointed by the President.

- (b) The National Security Agency (NSA) shall be an agency of the IC and directly under the authority of the DNI.
  - (i) The NSA shall collect data and conduct non-invasive monitoring of foreign entities.
- (c) The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) shall be an agency of the IC and directly under the authority of the DNI.
  - (i) The CIA shall process and analyze national security information to direct the President on foreign policy.
  - (ii) The CIA shall conduct necessary operations to secure the United States' foreign interests.
- (d) The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) shall be an agency under the Department of Justice (DOJ) and directly under the authority of the Attorney General (AG). The DNI shall have joint authority over and shall with the AG oversee all intelligence related activities of the FBI.
  - (i) The FBI shall collect data and conduct investigations and

operations domestically within the bounds of statutory and common-law requirements.

- (e) Employees of the executive branch may not be in more than one agency affiliated with the IC except as a representative.
- (f) The Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), Department of Homeland Security Office of Intelligence and Analysis (DHSOIA), Department of State Bureau of Intelligence and Research (DOSINR), Department of the Treasury Office of Intelligence and Analysis (DOTTOIA), and all military intelligence commands shall be dissolved.
  - (i) Employees of the dissolved agencies and commands will be, according to merit, transitioned into other agencies or commands within their department or within the IC.

Section 3. Clearances: There shall be clearances issued to individuals to grant them access to pertinent information. The President and the DNI may issue clearances to individuals who qualify. The DNI may also delegate this power to his deputies.

- (a) There shall be four levels of classification: Unclassified (U), Confidential (C), Secret (S), and Top Secret (TS).
  - (i) Unclassified material may be accessed by everyone whether or not they have a clearance level, are employed by the executive branch, or are a United States citizen.
  - (ii) Confidential material may be accessed by anyone with the clearance of IC//C or above. This material will contain the lowest level of classified information.
  - (iii) Secret material may be accessed by anyone with the clearance of IC//S or above. This material will contain the second level of classified information.
  - (iv) Top Secret material may be accessed by anyone with the clearance of IC//TS. This material will contain the highest level of classified information.

(b) There shall be two sub-classifications:  
Specially Compartmented Information  
(SCI) and Specially Ordered Under the  
President (SOUP).

(i) Specially Compartmented  
Information shall be restricted  
to the agency, command, or  
country by which the compartment  
specifies.

(ii) The Specially Ordered Under  
President sub-classification  
shall restrict information to  
individuals granted access  
directly by the President.

(c) There shall be three handles: No  
Foreign Nationals (NOFORN), Divisional  
Classification (DIVISION ACRONYM),  
Allied Country Classification (COUNTRY  
ACRONYM).

(i) The No Foreign Nationals handle  
shall restrict information from  
any foreign nationals.

(ii) The Divisional Classification  
handle must be used with the SCI  
sub-classification to specify  
the agency or department that  
may access the information.

- (iii) The Allied Country  
Classification handle shall  
grant approved leaders of an  
allied nation access to the  
information and must be used  
with the SCI sub-classification  
to specify the country that may  
access the information.
- (d) Classified documents shall be marked at  
the top and the bottom with the  
classification level of the document.  
Other classified material must be  
marked with its classification level in  
a clearly visible location.
  - (i) Classification markings shall be  
in the following format:  
CLEARANCE/SUBCLASSIFICATION/HANDLES
  - (ii) Example classification markings:  
TS/SCI/NSA,NOFORN  
S/SCI/UK  
C/SCI/FBI  
UNCLASSIFIED
- (e) Clearance levels shall be in the  
following format:  
IC//CLEARANCE/COMPARTMENTS
  - (i) Example clearance markings:  
IC//TS/NSC,NSA,DOD  
IC//S/FBI

IC//C/DOJ

- (f) Clearances may be granted upon request through a method approved by the DNI, or clearances can be granted by direct authorization from the President.
- (g) Clearances shall only be granted to individuals who have requested a clearance upon the completion of a thorough background check.

Section 4. Classified Storage Requirements: There shall be secure methods of storing and distributing classified materials in order to protect national security.

- (a) The President shall approve of the method by which the IC centrally stores its information.

Section 5. Congressional Oversight: The President shall, at his discretion, gather leaders of Congress to brief them on pertinent sensitive information.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tim Lither", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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