

DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
WASHINGTON, DC 20511

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MEMORANDUM For: Distribution

SUBJECT: Validation of Personnel with Eligibility for Access to Classified Information

REFERENCES: A. EO 12968 *Access to Classified Information*, as amended
B. EO 13467 *Reforming Processes Related to Suitability for Government Employment, Fitness for Contractor Employees, and Eligibility for Access to Classified National Security Information*

The national interest requires classified information to be safeguarded to protect our citizens, institutions, and our partnerships with other governments. Access to classified information is a privilege and the decision to entrust an individual with access to classified information is a critical decision that the United States Government takes very seriously. Executive order (EO) 12968 expressly directs agencies to keep the number of employees with eligibility for access to classified information to the minimum required to conduct agency functions and expressly prohibits requesting eligibility in excess of actual requirements. Moreover, pursuant to EO 12968, eligibility shall be granted only where facts and circumstances indicate that doing so is clearly consistent with the interests of national security, and all doubts are to be resolved in favor of national security.

In keeping with these Presidential directives and standards, and in my role as the Security Executive Agent, I am requesting department and agency heads to review and validate, against the conditions set forth in Section 2.1(b) of EO 12968, whether each individual employee or contractor, requires eligibility for access to classified information. When it is determined that access to classified information is no longer required, the department or agency shall terminate such access and debrief the individual consistent with Section 2.1(b)(4) of EO 12968.

Departments and agencies that grant access to sensitive compartmented information (SCI) shall review the need for access to SCI and debrief individuals who no longer require such access.

I am asking that each addressee provide documentation outlining by clearance level (Confidential, Secret, Top Secret, Top Secret/SCI) the total number of government and contractor personnel reviewed; the number deemed no longer requiring access; and validation of the debriefings and recording of said debriefings in the requisite security databases.

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This review should be completed within 90 days of the date of this directive. Please report the completion of this review to the National Counterintelligence Executive. Thank you for your attention and support. The point of contact is Brian A. Pioletti at 571-204-6593 (unclass) or 93-58816 (secure) or SecEA@dni.gov.


James R. Clapper


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