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IMPLEMENTATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 12958, "CLASSIFIED NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION"

References: a. Executive 20 April 1995, "Classified National Security Information."

b. DJSM-862-95, 20 July 1995, Implementation of Executive Order 12958, "Classified National Security Information."

- 1. <u>Purpose.</u> This notice alerts the combatant commands of the requirement to address permanent records 25 years old or older that will be automatically declassified on 16 October 2000.
- 2. Cancellation. None.
- 3. Applicability. This notice applies to all combatant commands.

4. Background

- a. Reference a required all agencies that originate classified information establish systematic declassification review programs. Reference b provided additional guidance and Joint Staff points of contact for assistance in implementation..
- b. One year of the Presidentially mandated five year period to accomplish the review of these records has passed. The first year requirement of reviewing 15% of appropriate records should now be accomplished. This year's requirement is for 20% of the records to be reviewed.

- c. Agencies currently reviewing records under the provisions of the Executive Order have found that many sets of documents are not easily identified greater in volume than first anticipated.
- 5. <u>Recommendation</u>. To comply with and meet the automatic declassification provisions of reference a, review of relevant records by 16 October 2000 is critical in order to avoid automatic declassification of documents containing sensitive national security information. Use of military reservists or other augmentees should be considered to facilitate meeting this Executive Order mandate.
- 6. Effective Date. This notice is effective upon receipt.

For the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

/Signature/ F. C. WILSON Colonel, USMC Secretary, Joint Staff

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