

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
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Mr. Mark Bradley
Director
Information Security Oversight Office
National Archives and Records Administration
700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 100
Washington, DC 20408-0001

Subject: Fundamental Classification Guidance Review 2017 Tasking

Dear Mark,

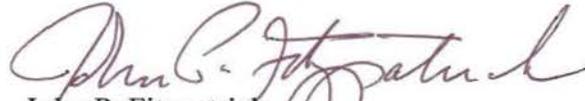
In response to the Information Security Oversight Office's (ISOO) memorandum dated March 17, 2016, please be advised that the National Security Council (NSC), Executive Office of the President, recently created its Security Classification Guide (SCG). Signed on April 3, 2017 by LTG (Ret.) J. Keith Kellogg, NSC's Executive Secretary and Chief of Staff, and an Original Classification Authority (OCA), the NSC SCG provides authoritative classification guidance for NSC and Homeland Security Council information from the UNCLASSIFIED to TOP SECRET levels based on Executive Order 13526, *Classified National Security Information*, and its Implementing Directive, 32 C.F.R. Parts 2001 and 2003. It identifies categories of classified national security information (CNSI) that originate in and are generated by the NSC, but also CNSI originating from other Executive Branch departments and agencies, including the Intelligence Community, frequently obtained in the course of performing the duties and responsibilities of the NSC.

The NSC SCG was developed with contributions from classification and declassification experts within the NSC and subject matter experts from across multiple NSC Directorates who have responsibility for NSI classified within their respective program areas.

In addition, with the introduction of the NSC SCG, we significantly reduced delegation of OCA across the NSC by completely eliminating the need to have any SECRET level OCAs. In fact, besides the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs (National Security Advisor) and the Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism, the President's National Security Advisor further delegated TOP SECRET OCA to only 7 positions within the NSC, reducing the total number of OCAs from 211 to 7.

As a Senior Agency Official and an OCA in the NSC, please contact me if you have any questions regarding this submission or about the NSC SCG.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John P. Fitzpatrick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being the most prominent.

John P. Fitzpatrick
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Information Security Management