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

Dear Mr. Bradley:

In response to your memorandum dated 17 March 2016, the following is the Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) final report on the results of the Fundamental Classification Guidance Review (FCGR) required by Executive Order 13526, "Classified National Security Information."

Following our review in 2012, subject matter experts (SME), classification and declassification experts, and frequent users reviewed the CIA classification guidance. The goal of this five-year review was to ensure that workforce guidance on classification correctly identified information requiring protection under the classified national security information program and supported the selection of the appropriate classification level. As a result of the review, we determined that the existing CIA National Security Classification Guide (NSCG) required greater detail to assist derivative classifiers in identifying and protecting information appropriately.

Since 2012, SMEs from across directorates and mission centers supported the CIA NSCG development, providing precise language to ensure classified and unclassified facts are easily understood by Agency users. The result was a consolidated NSCG that provides detailed guidance on 28 distinct topics; each topic area was signed by the appropriate original classification authority. The CIA continuously refines the NSCG as needed.

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Please contact Nancy E. Morgan, Director, Information Management Services Group, at 703-613-1355 if you have any questions concerning our response to your memorandum.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Milton R. Downs", written over a horizontal line.

Milton R. Downs
Chief Data Officer