

Delegation of Original Classification Authority

Executive Order 13526, “Classified National Security Information,” December 29, 2009, Sec. 1.3(c)

(c) Delegation of original classification authority.

- (1) Delegations of original classification authority shall be limited to the minimum required to administer this order. Agency heads are responsible for ensuring that designated subordinate officials have a demonstrable and continuing need to exercise this authority.
- (2) “Top Secret” original classification authority may be delegated only by the President, the Vice President, or an agency head or official designated pursuant to paragraph (a)(2) of this section. *(Sec. 1.3(a)(2) reads: agency heads and officials designated by the President)*
- (3) “Secret” or “Confidential” original classification authority may be delegated only by the President, the Vice President, an agency head or official designated pursuant to paragraph (a)(2) of this section, or the senior agency official designated under section 5.4(d) of this order, provided that official has been delegated “Top Secret” original classification authority by the agency head.
- (4) Each delegation of original classification authority shall be in writing and the authority shall not be redelegated except as provided in this order. Each delegation shall identify the official by name or position.
- (5) Delegations of original classification authority shall be reported or made available by name or position to the Director of the Information Security Oversight Office.

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TOP SECRET OCA

Can only be delegated by:



President
Vice-President

Agency heads and officials designated OCA by the President

Officials Designated TOP SECRET OCA by the President

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Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff
Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism
Director of National Drug Control Policy
Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy
Chair or Co-Chairs, President's Intelligence Advisory Board
Secretary of State
Secretary of the Treasury
Secretary of Defense
Attorney General
Secretary of Energy
Secretary of Homeland Security
Director of National Intelligence
Secretary of the Army
Secretary of the Navy
Secretary of the Air Force
Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Director of the Central Intelligence Agency
Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Director, Information Security Oversight Office *

SECRET OCA

Can only be delegated by:



President
Vice-President

Agency heads and officials designated OCA by the President
Senior agency officials ** delegated TS OCA by the agency head

Officials Designated SECRET OCA by the President

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United States Trade Representative
Secretary of Agriculture *
Secretary of Commerce
Secretary of Health and Human Services
Secretary of Transportation
Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development
Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency *

*** Cannot further delegate OCA**

**** Senior Agency Officials are delegated OCA by the Agency Head, but can only delegate OCA further if they have been granted TS OCA**