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TOPIC:

The difference between UNCLASSIFIED and DECLASSIFIED

Definition of UNCLASSIFIED

- ✓ Absence of classified information
- ✓ Information that does not meet the standards for classification in accordance with [E.O. 13526](#), Sec. 1.4

Definition of DECLASSIFIED

- ✓ Removal of classified information in accordance with [E.O. 13526](#), Part 3

Basically, an unclassified document has never contained classified information. Declassified documents originally contained classified information that was either removed or redacted, or the information was determined to no longer require protection under E.O. 13526, rendering the document unclassified.



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