

Memorandum



Subject

Report to Congress on Classified
Information Procedures Act of 1980

Date

November 23, 1981

To The Attorney General

From

John Roberts *JR*
Special Assistant to
the Attorney General

Lowell Jensen has delivered for your approval and signature a report to Congress on the operation and effectiveness of the Classified Information Procedures Act, Pub. L. 96-456, 94 Stat. 2025. This annual report is required by §13(b) of the Act, and covers the first year of the Act's existence. The Report notes that the Chief Justice and Department of Justice, as required by the Act, have during the last year promulgated procedures and guidelines to implement its provisions. The Report also discusses the three cases in which portions of the Act have been invoked in the past year, the Helmich, Bell, and Jolliff cases. The Report concludes by noting that no amendments to the Act are suggested by the Department at this time, since there has been insufficient time to test the full effect of its procedures.

I recommend approval of the report. Your signature is required on the report and six letters of transmittal to the appropriate Congressmen (Thurmond, Biden, Rodino, McClory, Goldwater, and Boland).