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Subject: Follow up to Freedom of Information Request: Seeking USTR Classification/Declassification Reports to ISOO

July 11, 2012
US Trade Representative

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request the following records:

The USTR's "Classification/Declassification Report to ISOO" as required by Executive Order 13526, and which was required to be published by June 27th, 2012.

I also request that, if appropriate, fees be waived as I believe this request is in the public interest. The requested documents will be made available to the general public free of charge as part of the public information service at MuckRock.com, processed by a representative of the news media/press and is made in the process of news gathering and not for commercial usage.

In the event that fees cannot be waived, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Mike Masnick

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

July 25, 2012

Mr. Mike Masnick
MuckRock News
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Dear Mr. Masnick:

This letter is USTR's final response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C § 552, for the USTR's "**Classification/Declassification Report to ISOO**" as required by **Executive Order 13526, and which was required to be published by June 27th, 2012.**

Please be advised that we are providing you a copy of the report. This report is also available at: <http://www.ustr.gov/about-us/reading-room> and is entitled "USTR Fundamental Classification Guidance Review 2012".

Inasmuch as this constitutes a complete response to your request, I am closing your file in this office. Under 15 C.F.R §2004.6(d), if you are not satisfied with this decision, then within sixty (60) days you may appeal it in writing to:

FOIA Appeals Committee
Office of the United States Trade Representative
1724 F Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20508

Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked: "Freedom of Information Act Appeal". In the event you are dissatisfied with the results of any such appeal, judicial review will thereafter be available to you in the United States District Court for the judicial district in which you reside or have your principal place of business, or in the District of Columbia, where we searched for the records you seek.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the FOIA office at (202) 395-3419.

Sincerely,



David Apol
Chief of Administrative Law

Case File #12071133

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

July 3, 2012

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, INFORMATION SECURITY OVERSIGHT OFFICE

SUBJECT: Fundamental Classification Guidance Review

REFERENCES:

- (a) Executive Order 13526 – Classified National Security Information, 29 December 2009
- (b) Information Security Oversight Office memorandum, Fundamental Classification Guidance Review, 27 January 2011
- (c) ODNI memorandum, Fundamental Classification Guidance Review, 26 May 2011
- (d) Information Security Oversight Office memorandum, Reporting Results of Fundamental Classification Guidance Reviews to ISOO, 23 January 2012

The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is providing this report on our Fundamental Classification Guidance Review as requested in references (a), (b), (c) and (d).

USTR is finalizing its classification guide and has already taken steps to reduce Original Classification Authorities (OCA) from 27 to 7.

USTR's classification guidance review is as follows:

- The number of classification guides reviewed: one.
- The number of classification guides that were consolidated or cancelled: none.
- The number of projects, programs, or categories that were eliminated, revised or, condensed, if any: none.
- The number of documents, topics, categories that were downgraded in classification level, if any: one.
- The number of cases which the duration of classification was modified or the number of cases in which exemptions from declassification was removed: USTR inventoried its classified documents and those that were marked as Originating Agency's Determination Required (OADR) which were more than 25 years old were declassified unless they met the requirements of E.O. 13526 Section 3.3(b).

My point of contact for questions concerning this submission is Stacey Williams, (202) 395-7048.



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Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Administration