

(b) In the following departments, agencies, and Governmental units, having partial but not primary responsibility for matters pertaining to national defense, the authority for original classification of information or material under this order shall be exercised only by the head of the department, agency, or Governmental unit without delegation:

Civil Aeronautics Board
Department of Agriculture
Department of Health, Education and Welfare
Department of the Interior
Federal Maritime Commission
Federal Power Commission
National Science Foundation
Post Office Department
Renegotiation Board
Small Business Administration
Tennessee Valley Authority
Panama Canal Company

(c) Any agency or unit of the executive branch not named herein, and any such agency or unit which may be established hereafter shall be deemed not to have authority for original classification of information or material under this order, except as such authority may be specifically conferred upon any such agency or unit hereafter.

Section 3. CLASSIFICATION

Persons designated to have authority for original classification of information or material which requires protection in the interests of national defense under this order shall be held responsible for its proper classification in accordance with the definitions of the three categories in section 1, hereof. Unnecessary classification and over-classification shall be scrupulously avoided. The following special rules shall be observed in classification of defense information or material:

(a) Documents in General: Documents shall be classified according to their own content and not necessarily according to their relationship to other documents. References to classified material which do not reveal classified defense information shall not be classified.

(b) Physically Connected Documents: The classification of a file or group of physically connected documents shall be at least as high as that of the most highly classified document therein. Documents separated from the file or group shall be handled in accordance with their individual defense classification.

(c) Multiple Classification: A document, product, or substance shall bear a classification at least as high as that of its highest