

20 years after the event, NASA shall assist these editors by facilitating access to appropriate classified materials in its custody and by expediting declassification review of items from its files selected for publication.

(ii) [Reserved]

[44 FR 34913, June 18, 1979, as amended at 45 FR 3888, Jan. 21, 1980; 48 FR 5892, Feb. 9, 1983; 53 FR 41318, Oct. 21, 1988]

### Subpart G—Foreign Government Information

#### § 1203.700 Identification.

In order to qualify as foreign government information, information must fall into one of the two following categories:

(a) Information provided to the United States by a foreign government or international organization of governments, such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), where the United States has undertaken an obligation, expressed or implied, to keep the information in confidence. The information is considered to have been provided in confidence if it is marked in a manner indicating it is to be treated in confidence or if the circumstances of the delivery indicate that the information be kept in confidence.

(b) Information requiring confidentiality produced by the United States pursuant to a written, joint arrangement with a foreign government or international organization of governments. A written, joint arrangement may be evidenced by an exchange of letters, a memorandum of understanding, or other written record of the joint arrangement.

#### § 1203.701 Classification.

(a) Foreign government information that is classified by a foreign entity shall either retain its original classification designation or be marked with a United States classification designation that will ensure a degree of protection equivalent to that required by the entity that furnished the information. Original classification authority is not required for this purpose.

(b) Foreign government information that was not classified by a foreign en-

tity but was provided to NASA with the expressed or implied obligation that it be held in confidence must be classified. "The Order" states that unauthorized disclosure of foreign government information, the identity of a confidential foreign source, or intelligence sources or methods is presumed to cause damage to the national security. Therefore, such foreign government information shall be classified at least Confidential. However, at the time of classification, judicious consideration shall be given to the sensitivity of the subject matter and the impact of its unauthorized disclosure upon both the United States and the originating foreign government or organization of governments in order to determine the most appropriate level of classification. Levels above Confidential must be assigned by an original classification authority.

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#### § 1203.702 Duration of classification.

Unless the guidelines for the systematic review of 30-year old foreign government information developed pursuant to §1203.603(b) prescribe dates or events for declassification:

(a) Foreign government information shall not be assigned a date or event for declassification unless such is specified or agreed to by the foreign entity.

(b) Foreign government information classified after December 1, 1978, shall be annotated: DECLASSIFY ON: Originating Agency's Determination Required or "OADR."

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#### § 1203.703 Declassification.

(a) Information classified in accordance with §1203.400 shall not be declassified automatically as a result of any unofficial publication or inadvertent or unauthorized disclosure in the United States or abroad of identical or similar information.

(b) Following consultation with the Archivist of the United States and where appropriate, with the foreign government or international organization concerned and with the assistance of the Department of State, NASA will