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ISOO Notice 2009-07: Mandatory Declassification Review – Inappropriate Citation of Section 6.2(c) of E.O. 12958, as amended

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Agencies should not cite section 6.2(c) of Executive Order 12958, as amended, “Classified National Security Information” (the Order) when responding to requests or appeals for mandatory declassification review filed under section 3.5 of the Order.

Section 3.5(c) of the Order provides that “[a]gencies conducting a mandatory review for declassification shall declassify information that no longer meets the standards for classification...” and “[t]hey shall release this information unless withholding is otherwise authorized and warranted under applicable law.” Section 6.2(c) of the Order is not an authority for the withholding of such information under the mandatory declassification review provisions of the Order. Instead, agencies must cite the specific law under which the withholding is authorized and warranted.

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