

June 11, 2012

John P. Fitzpatrick, Director
Information Security Oversight Office
National Archives and Records Administration
700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20408

Dear John:

Thank you for your email addressing the Department of the Treasury's fundamental classification guidance review which resulted in the March 2, 2012 updated Treasury Security Classification Guide we provided to you. We have successfully maintained its up-to-date status every two years since August 2004 in excess of the 5-year requirement in §2001.16 of the ISOO Directive. Each update involves our solicitation of reviews for recommended comments (additions/deletions) from senior policy advisors and subject matter experts to ensure and re-affirm the effectiveness of instructions in our Guide.

Continuously over time our consolidated Classification Guide has been fine-tuned to include item description information criteria for classification while the approved categories in Executive Order §1.4 (a-g) have essentially remained unchanged. As part of this fundamental classification guidance review, the U.S. Mint and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing have reviewed and appropriately updated their respective guides. These were also reviewed by bureau subject matter experts and since they are specifically tailored to their unique needs the resulting guides are not included within the consolidated Treasury Security Classification Guide that has Department-wide distribution.

With respect to the January 23, 2012 guidance we offer the following responses:

- Number of classification guides reviewed – 5.
 - One Consolidated Treasury Security Classification Guide
 - One U.S. Mint Classification Guide
 - Three Bureau of Engraving and Printing Project Specific Guides
- Number of classification guides that were consolidated or cancelled – 0.
- Number of projects, programs, or categories that were eliminated, revised, consolidated or condensed, if any – 0.
- Number of documents, topics, or categories that were downgraded in classification level, if any – 0.

- Number of cases in which the duration of classification was modified or the number of cases in which exemptions from declassification were removed – 0.

We are confident that Treasury has reached the goals outlined in your email, the January 23rd guidance and the Order with respect to our Security Classification Guides and the fundamental review process.

Sincerely,

//s//

Wade C. Straw
Director, Office of Security Programs