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TOPIC: Classification by Compilation

What is classification by compilation?

Classification by compilation is when you take two or more pieces of unclassified information and put them together in a way that discloses classified information. Similarly, you can apply this to items of information that are classified at a specified level, but when combined, becomes classified at a higher level.

How do you properly mark this information?

Each portion is marked with it's classification level. The overall classification marking reflects the higher level of classification. You must also include a statement on the front of the document stating why it is classified at a higher level than the portion markings show.

Security Classification Guide

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3.3.2.7 Mission	X			
3.3.2.8 Geographic Location	X			
3.3.2.9 Compilation of both mission and geographic location within the same document			X	

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1. (U) This paragraph discusses specific mission requirements.
2. (U) This paragraph annotates that the location of this mission will be in country A.

(U) IAW SCG [insert subject], dated 5 June 2015, section 3.3.2.9, compilation of information in paragraphs 1 and 2 result in an overall classification of SECRET.

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Reference: E.O. 13526 Sec. 1.7(e) / 32 CFR 2001.13(c)
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