

MEMORANDUM FOR: Intelligence Community Executive Committee
Members

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Implementation of Executive Order _____

1. President Bush, through the issuance of Executive Order _____ on 22 July 1992, has directed all Executive departments and agencies to review expeditiously all pertinent materials regarding POWs and MIAs for purposes of declassification. The following guidance is intended for use by the Intelligence Community in our compliance with the President's Order.

Pursuant to Executive Order _____ concerning the declassification of POW/MIA materials, all affected members of the Intelligence Community are directed to review their holdings of POW/MIA materials with the objective of declassification to the greatest extent possible consistent with the terms of the Executive Order (EO). In this regard, each affected component is to ensure that any redaction of documents to be declassified is minimized and intended to protect sources and methods, the revelation of which would impair intelligence capabilities and/or commitments. Declassification and release of documents and materials shall be the responsibility of the originating agency.

Regarding the public release of declassified materials, components must also be mindful of the privacy of POW/MIA families and the integrity of the Executive deliberative process, as specified in Paragraph two of the EO. The objective here will also be to provide as much material as possible in

concert with current law and practice with a minimum of redaction.

2. The President has determined that declassification of POW/MIA records, where feasible, will be in the public interest. I therefore encourage you, as Intelligence Community managers, to comply fully with the Executive Order and to further disseminate the above guidance to appropriate parts of your organization.

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