

§ 8.7 Spheres of responsibility.

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of section 7(B)(2) of Executive Order 11652, the Assistant Secretary for Administration is hereby designated as the senior staff officer of the Secretary of Transportation with assigned responsibilities to assure effective compliance with and implementation of the order, National Security Council Directives, and this part.

(b) In the discharge of these responsibilities, the Assistant Secretary for Administration shall be assisted by the Director of Investigations and Security who, in addition to other actions directed by this part, shall evaluate the overall application of and adherence to the security policies and requirements prescribed herein and who shall report his findings and recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for Administration, heads of administrations, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, and, as appropriate, to the Secretary.

(c) Secretarial Officers, heads of administrations, and the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, shall assure the effective administration of the provisions prescribed herein, that adequate personnel and funding are provided for this purpose, and that corrective actions which may be warranted are taken promptly.

§ 8.9 Security Review Committee.

(a) There is hereby established a Department of Transportation Security Review Committee which shall have authority to:

(1) Act on all suggestions and complaints not otherwise resolved with respect to the Department's administration of the Executive Order and implementing directives, including those regarding overclassification, failure to declassify, or delay in declassifying;

(2) Act on appeals of requests for classification reviews, and appeals of requests for records under section 552 of title 5, United States Code, (Freedom of Information Act), when the initial denial is based on continued classification of the record; and

(3) Recommend to the Secretary, when necessary, appropriate administrative action to correct abuse or violation of any provision of the Execu-

tive order and implementing directives.

(b) The Security Review Committee shall be composed of the Assistant Secretary for Administration who shall serve as Chairman, the General Counsel, and the Director of Investigations and Security. When matters affecting a particular administration or the National Transportation Safety Board are at issue, the Associate Administrator for Administration for that administration, the Chief of Staff for the U.S. Coast Guard, or the General Manager for the National Transportation Safety Board, as the case may be, shall participate as an ad hoc member, together with the Chief Counsel for the particular element.

(c) The Chairman shall submit to the Interagency Classification Review Committee quarterly reports of Departmental Committee actions on classification review requests, classification abuses, and unauthorized disclosure of classified information.

§ 8.11 Authority to classify information.

(a) Executive Order 11652 confers upon the Secretary of Transportation the authority to originally classify information as SECRET or CONFIDENTIAL with further authorization to delegate this authority.

(b) The following delegations of authority to originally classify information as "SECRET" or "CONFIDENTIAL", which may not be redelegated, are hereby made:

(1) *Office of the Secretary of Transportation.* The Deputy Secretary; Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy; Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs; Assistant Secretary for Administration; Director of Investigations and Security; Director, Transportation Systems Center.

(2) *United States Coast Guard.* The Commandant; Assistant Commandant; Chief of Staff; Chief, Office of Marine Environment and Systems; Chief, Office of Operations; Chief, Intelligence Staff; Commander, Eastern Area; Commander, Western Area; Commanders, Coast Guard Districts; Commander, Coast Guard Activities Europe.