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(4) The designated representative of the Director of Central Intelligence, or other appropriate officials with responsibility for the information involved, will be consulted whenever a compromise of sensitive compartmented information has occurred.

§ 2.33 Responsibilities of holders [4.1(b)].

Any person having access to and possession of classified information is responsible for protecting it from persons not authorized access, i.e., persons who do not possess an appropriate security clearance, and who do not possess the required need-to-know. This includes keeping classified documents under constant observation and turned face-down or covered when not in use and securing such information in approved security equipment or facilities whenever it is not under the direct supervision of authorized persons. In all instances, such protective means must meet accountability requirements prescribed by the Department.

§ 2.34 Inspections [4.1(b)].

Individuals charged with the custody of classified information shall conduct the necessary inspections within their areas to ensure adherence to procedural safeguards prescribed to protect classified information. Security officers shall ensure that periodic inspections are made to determine whether procedural safeguards prescribed by this regulation and any bureau implementing regulation are in effect at all times. At a minimum such checks shall ensure that all classified information is stored in approved security containers, including removable storage media, e.g., floppy disks used by word processors that contain classified information; burn bags, if utilized, are either stored in approved security containers or destroyed; and classified shorthand notes, carbon paper, carbon and plastic typewriter ribbons, rough drafts and similar papers have been properly stored or destroyed.

§ 2.35 Security violations.

Any individual, at any level of employment, determined to have been responsible for the unauthorized release or disclosure or potential release or

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disclosure of classified national security information, whether it be knowingly, willfully or through negligence, shall be notified on TD F 71-21.1 (Record of Security Violation) that his or her action is in violation of this regulation, the Order, the Directive, and Executive Order 10450, as amended. Treasury Directive 71-04, entitled, "Administration of Security Violations" sets forth provisions concerning security violations which shall apply to each Treasury employee and persons under contract or subcontract to the Department authorized access to Treasury classified national security information.

(a) Repeated abuse of the classification process, either by unnecessary or over-classification, or repeated failure, neglect or disregard of established requirements for safeguarding classified information by any employee shall be grounds for appropriate adverse or disciplinary action. Such actions may include, but are not necessarily limited to, a letter of warning, a letter of reprimand, suspension without pay, or dismissal, as appropriate in the particular case, under applicable personnel rules, regulations and procedures. Where a violation of criminal statutes may be involved, any such case shall be promptly referred to the Department of Justice.

(b) After an affirmative adjudication of a security violation, and as the occasion demands, reports of accountable security violations shall be placed in the employee's personnel security file, and as appropriate, in the employee's official personnel folder. The security official of the office or bureau concerned shall recommend to the respective management official or bureau head that disciplinary action be taken when such action is indicated.

§ 2.36 Disposition and destruction [4.1(b)].

Classified information no longer needed in current working files or for reference or record purposes shall be processed for appropriate disposition in accordance with the provisions of Title 44, United States Code, Chapters 21 and 33, which govern disposition of Federal