§ 1203.412  Classification guides.

(a) General. A classification guide, based upon classification determinations made by appropriate program and classification authorities, shall be issued for each classified system, program or project. Classification guides shall:

(1) Identify the information elements to be protected, using categorization and subcategorization to the extent necessary to ensure that the information involved can be readily and uniformly identified.

(2) State which of the classification designations (i.e., Top Secret, Secret or Confidential) apply to the identified information elements.

(3) State the duration of each specified classification in terms of a period of time or future event. Whenever a specific time or future event for declassification cannot be predetermined, the following notation will be used: DECLASSIFY ON: Originating Agency’s Determination Required or “OADR.”

(4) Indicate specifically that the designations, time limits, markings and other requirements of “the Order” are to be applied to information classified pursuant to the guide.

(5) Be approved personally and in writing by an official with original Top Secret classification authority; the identity of the official will be shown on the guide. Such approval constitutes an original classification decision. Normally, all guides will be approved by the Chairperson, NASA Information Security Program Committee, whose office will maintain a list of all classification guides in current use.

(b) Review of classification guides. Classification guides shall be reviewed by the originator for currency and accuracy not less than once every two years. Changes shall be in strict conformance with the provisions of this part 1203 and shall be issued promptly. If no changes are made, the originator shall so annotate the record copy and show the date of the review.

§ 1203.500  Use of derivative classification.

The application of derivative classification markings is a responsibility of those who incorporate, paraphrase, restate, or generate in new form information that is already classified, and of those who apply markings in accordance with instructions from an authorized original classifier or in accordance with an authorized classification guide. If a person who applied derivative classification markings believes that the paraphrasing, restating, or summarizing of classified information has changed the level of or removed the basis for classification, that person must consult for a determination with an appropriate official of the originating agency or office of origin who has the authority to upgrade, downgrade, or declassify the information.

§ 1203.501  Applying derivative classification markings.

Persons who apply derivative classification markings shall:

(a) Observe and respect original classification decisions;

(b) Verify the information’s current level of classification so far as practicable before applying the markings; and

(c) Carry forward to newly created documents any assigned authorized markings. The declassification date or event that provides the longest period of classification shall be used for documents classified on the basis of multiple sources.

§ 1203.600  Policy.

Information shall be declassified or downgraded as soon as national security considerations permit. NASA reviews of classified information shall be coordinated with other agencies that have a direct interest in the subject matter. Information that continues to