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§ 2700.1 References.

(a) Executive Order 12065, "National Security Information," June 28, 1978, (hereinafter E.O. 12065).

(b) Information Security Oversight Office, Directive No. 1, "National Security Information," October 2, 1978, (hereinafter ISOO Directive No. 1).

§ 2700.2 Purpose.

The purpose of this Regulation is to ensure, consistent with the authorities listed in § 2700.1, that national security information originated and/or held by the Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations (OMSN), which includes the Status Liaison Office, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (SLNO), is protected. To ensure that such information is protected, but only to the extent and for such period as is necessary, this regulation identifies the information to be protected and prescribes certain classification, declassification and safeguarding procedures to be followed.

§ 2700.3 Applicability.

This Regulation supplements E.O. 12065 within OMSN with regard to National Security Information. In consonance with the authorities listed in § 2700.1, it establishes general policies and certain procedures for the classification, declassification and safeguarding of information which is owned by, is produced for or by, or is under the control of OMSN.

Subpart B—Original Classification

§ 2700.11 Basic policy.

(a) *General.* It is the policy of OMSN to make available to the public as much information concerning its activities as is possible, consistent with its responsibility to protect the national security.

(b) *Safeguarding national security information.* Within the Federal Government there is some information which because it bears directly on the effectiveness of our national defense and the conduct of our foreign relations, must be subject to some constraints for the security of our nation.

(c) *Balancing test.* To balance the public's interest in access to government information with the need to protect certain national security information from disclosure, these regulations identify the information to be protected, prescribe classification, downgrading, declassification, and safeguarding procedures to be followed, and establish education, monitoring and