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Subject: Update on Safeguarding Classified Information

Importance: High

Attachments: 09-01.ppt; Wikileaks - Safeguarding Classified Information and Use of Government Information Technology Systems, Dec. 6, 2010

We are beginning to see classified documents and information obtained via Wikileaks in our court filings. This information is likely to appear in filings by respondents, respondents' counsel, or government counsel. More likely, the judge will make the discovery when initially reading through the submission.

Following are the immediate steps to take should a classified document be encountered:

- Store the classified information in an approved security container;
- Ensure that only those with the appropriate clearance level and a need-to-know have access to it;
- Notify the ACIJ and the Office of Security of the receipt and the case involved;
- Keep a record of who handled the document and when since it came into the custody of the court; and,
- Note that Immigration Court computers are not certified to process classified information and the Digital Audio Recording system should not be used to record classified cases.

The most important thing to remember is that, once the classified document is in our custody, we must treat it as classified until notified otherwise. Unauthorized disclosure of a classified document (for example, via Wikileaks) does not make the document unclassified. Nothing in this e-mail modifies, supersedes or changes OPPM 09-01. Those procedures remain in full effect for all classified information, including material released via Wikileaks. Please refer to the OPPM 09-01 (attached) for more detailed procedures. As a reminder, also attached is an email sent by CIO Richard Chandler containing additional guidance from DOJ, reiterating that prior disclosure of a document or similar information does not automatically result in declassification of the document. It remains classified until declassified by an appropriate U.S. Government authority.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact your ACIJ or the Office of Security on (703) 605-0348.

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Chief Immigration Judge