

## *Reasons for Classification, E.O. 13526, Section 1.4*

- (a) military plans, weapons systems, or operations
- (b) foreign government information
- (c) intelligence activities (including covert action), intelligence sources or methods, or cryptology
- (d) foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States, including confidential sources
- (e) scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to the national security
- (f) United States Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
- (g) vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to the national security
- (h) the development, production, or use of weapons of mass destruction



## *25X Exemptions from Automatic Declassification, E.O. 13526, Section 3.3(b)*

Specific information, the release of which should clearly and demonstrably be expected to:

- (1) reveal the identity of a confidential human source, a human intelligence source, a relationship with an intelligence or security service of a foreign government or international organization, or a non-human intelligence source; or impair the effectiveness of an intelligence method currently in use, available for use, or under development
- (2) reveal information that would assist in the development, production, or use of weapons of mass destruction
- (3) reveal information that would impair U.S. cryptologic systems or activities
- (4) reveal information that would impair the application of state-of-the-art technology within a U.S. weapon system
- (5) reveal formally named or numbered U.S. military war plans that remain in effect, or reveal operational or tactical elements of prior plans that are contained in such active plans
- (6) reveal information, including foreign government information, that would cause serious harm to relations between the United States and a foreign government, or to ongoing diplomatic activities of the United States
- (7) reveal information that would impair the current ability of United States Government officials to protect the President, Vice President, and other protectees for whom protection services, in the interest of the national security, are authorized
- (8) reveal information that would seriously impair current national security emergency preparedness plans or reveal current vulnerabilities of systems, installations, or infrastructures relating to the national security
- (9) violate a statute, treaty, or international agreement that does not permit the automatic or unilateral declassification of information at 25 years



## *50X1-HUM Exemption from Automatic Declassification, E.O. 13526, Section 3.3(h)*

information that reveals the identity of a confidential human source or a human intelligence source

## *50X2-WMD Exemption from Automatic Declassification, E.O. 13526, Section 3.3(h)*

information that reveals key design concepts of weapons of mass destruction



## *Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Exemptions*

- (b)(1) classified national security information
- (b)(2) internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) information specifically exempted from disclosure by statute
- (b)(4) commercial or financial information that would cause competitive harm
- (b)(5) predecisional, deliberative information
- (b)(6) invasion of personal privacy
- (b)(7) compiled for law enforcement purposes
- (b)(8) regulation or supervision of financial institutions
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information concerning wells