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SUBJECT: DoD Security Classification Guidance for Post-Operation Desert Storm Information


The new guidance has been coordinated with all appropriate officials in the Department of Defense. However; if there are any difficulties raised by the guidance, please convey them to my Directorate of Information Security. The action officer is Mr. Fred Cook who can be reached on (703) 695-2289 or AV 225-2686 (both STU-III capable).

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Attachment
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DOD SECURITY CLASSIFICATION GUIDANCE
FOR POST-OPERATION DESERT STORM INFORMATION

1. OVERALL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION

   a. This security classification guidance is a supplement to the DoD security classification guidance for Operation Desert Storm information promulgated by a 2 February 1991 memorandum from the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Security Policy (DUSD(SP)) to the DoD Component Heads.

   b. This guidance is intended to provide users general categories of subjects and levels of classification to ensure the proper degree of information protection during Post-Operation Desert Storm operations.

   c. This guide is necessarily broad in scope and cannot be inclusive due to the complexity and involvement of many organizations in Operation Desert Storm. It does not and is not intended to prevent original classification authorities from making original classification and downgrading/declassification decisions for information not covered by this guide.

   d. Extra care should be taken to ensure that particular unclassified portions of Post-Operation Desert Storm material will not reveal classified information when combined or associated with other unclassified information.

   e. Unless otherwise stated, the declassification of information classified by this guidance is "Originating Agency's Determination Required" or "OADR."

   f. Public release of Post-Operation Desert Storm information will be in coordination with the Directorate of Defense Information, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) or the U.S. Central Command Public Affairs Office.

2. PARTICULAR REQUIREMENTS

   a. Unit Deployment/Redeployment Data:

      NOTE: See Flow and Travel Data for related guidance.

      1. Identity of units deployed in Operation Desert Storm

      2. General geographic location of units deployed (e.g., city, air bases, and country location) in Operation Desert Storm (except for special operations units or personnel employed in Iraq prior to commencement of Operation Desert Storm)

   CLASSIFICATION

      UNCLASSIFIED

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3. Specific geographic location (e.g., grid coordinates) of units (other than those units still tactically deployed (see paragraph 4 below))  

4. Specific geographic location of units still tactically deployed (declassify after departure from theater of operations)  

5. Specific details of allied country participation or specific details of support for Operation Desert Storm that have not been published by the allied country's government and which would reveal information classified by this guidance or by the allied country  

6. The degree of U.S. participation with allied or friendly nations in combat (specific caveats on U.S. or foreign government documents, e.g., "UK-SECRET, Releasable to U.S. only" or "SECRET-NOFORN, Releasable to UK only," indicating which third party nations may have access to information remain in effect)  

7. Overall redeployment sequencing (Time Phased Force Deployment Data (TPFDD))  

8. Individual air movement information  

9. Projected or scheduled redeployment of individual AA or FF level units  

10. All information about movements within CONUS  

b. Logistics Data:  

1. Overall Operation Desert Storm logistics plans showing sustainability of deployed forces  
   - (a) Detailed logistics/sustainment plans  
   - (b) Specific logistics/sustainment operations  

2. Logistics plans for a brigade-size or smaller unit  

3. Details of logistics shortfalls significantly impacting on mission accomplishment or that identify a unit's vulnerability which can be exploited  

4. Logistics data associated with standard aircraft reporting, i.e., the Core Automated Maintenance  

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System (CAMS) which includes aircraft status, utilization, station location designator, debriefing, job data documentation and discrepancies

5. Map requisition

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c. Flow and Travel Data:

1. Total air/sea lift flow

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2. Time Phased Force Deployment Data (TPFDD) overall report

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3. Unit name and destination (country) combined

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(or as required by host country)

4. Unit name and earliest arrival date (EAD) and latest arrival date (LAD) combined

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5. Unit line number (ULN), unit identification code (UIC), and unit name

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6. ULN and destination

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7. ULN and EAD/LAD

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8. Origin, UIC, and ULN

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9. Single flight plan to include stops and destination (without load designation)

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10. Single flight plan to include stops and destination (with load designation)

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d. Terrorism and Physical Security:

1. Terrorist threat level/condition without any detail or supportive comments (as determined by the responsible commander)

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2. Detailed terrorist threat level/condition (NOFORN or other caveats are not automatic but may apply under the rules governing the marking of intelligence information)

CONFIDENTIAL (or higher as determined by originator)
3. Personnel access rosters

**Operations:**

1. Operation names (e.g., Desert Storm/Desert Shield, Eastern Exit)  
   UNCLASSIFIED

2. Combined U.S./allied operations orders and order of battle
   
   NOTE: Annexes/appendices such as special operations could be SECRET or TOP SECRET. The TOP SECRET annexes/appendices will be downgraded to SECRET.

3. Enemy order of battle (derived from non-sensitive sources)
   
   NOTE: Enemy order of battle derived from sensitive sources remains classified as currently marked.

4. Deception planning

5. Concept of operations, total resources required, tactical maneuvers (executed in combat), and objectives (other than those officially and specifically stated in public)  
   UNCLASSIFIED

7. Psychological operations and planning (see paragraph 2.f.8)  
   CONFIDENTIAL

8. Support from or to other U.S. Government agencies

9. Fratricide
   
   (a) Fratricide issues (release authority at the discretion of USCENTCOM Component commanders)  
   FOUO

   (b) Fratricide investigations  
   SECRET  
   (pending resolution)

10. Accident and safety data

11. Maritime interception operations

12. Targeting methodology, the selection process and resultant target lists

13. Targets attacked (see weapons)

UNCLASSIFIED
14. Command relationships, agreements, and memorandum of understanding (classified as marked if document includes identification of a host nation whose level/type of support of active participation is classified by another source)  
FOUO

15. Vulnerabilities and readiness of U.S. or allied units  
SECRET

16. DEFCON status of Operation Desert Storm units  
UNCLASSIFIED

17. Status and details of U.S. alliances, including status of forces agreements, deployment rights, privileges, airfield use, and port availability other than officially released to the public (all classifications and NOFORN caveats remain as currently marked)  
SECRET (but may vary depending on country)

18. General assessments of operational effectiveness including intelligence, counterintelligence, rescue (less all escape and evasion plus procedures for processing recovered personnel) and reconnaissance (except that which reveals sensitive sources or methods which remain classified as marked)  
UNCLASSIFIED

19. Detailed assessments of operational effectiveness of items in paragraph 16, above  
SECRET  
(or as required by originator)

20. Rules of engagement (depending on level from which issued or upon the source documentation - requires original classification authority to decide which classification applies)  
TOP SECRET  
or  
SECRET

21. Executed orders and associated documents (need to be reviewed by the classification authority or originator to determine classification level, as appropriate)  
UNCLASSIFIED  
(or as required by originator)

f. Special Operations Forces (SOF)

1. SOF deployments/participation  
UNCLASSIFIED

2. Specific, executed missions of SOF units (except as indicated in note below)  
UNCLASSIFIED

NOTE: Executed missions classified TOP SECRET with Focal Point caveats remaining are downgraded to SECRET with Focal Point caveats in effect.

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3. Unexecuted missions

4. The timing and locations of SOF Reserve Components (RC) unit activations

5. The fact that a SOF RC unit was alerted for activation or activated/deployed (location of deployment is classified - see paragraph 5 below)

6. SOF RC unit's readiness

7. Call-up of Reserve units

8. The fact that deployed SOF units train with units of the Multi-National Forces in the Persian Gulf

9. SOF operational areas

g. Weather operations:

1. Location of deactivated weather forecast and observation units

2. Linking provisional weather group units with their supported units

h. Weapons:

1. Sustainability of deployed, major U.S. weapons

2. Characteristics, capabilities, and specific targets of U.S. weapons systems (targets will remain classified as marked)

See classification guide for each weapon system

3. Numbers and type of aircraft or other weapons employed

4. Lethality and capability of the aggregate, deployed U.S. weapon systems operating in concert

i. Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Operations

1. Chemical warfare retaliatory policies and procedures

2. Description of U.S. forces nuclear capabilities

3. Whether (or not) the U.S. Central Command is a nuclear-capable command

4. Assignment of dual-capable forces to U.S. Central Command

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5. Biological detection and prevention measures taken

6. Individual immunization records

j. Civil Affairs Operations

k. Public Affairs - Public Affairs, Annex F. of all USCENTCOM Desert Shield/Storm operation orders and plans are

l. Plans

1. USCENTCENT OPLAN 1002-90 (second draft, 18 July 1990) is classified IAW the OPLAN classification guidance of that plan.

2. The combined OPLAN for the defense of Saudi Arabia (dated 29 Nov 1990) remains classified IAW with the OPLAN classification guidance except for the following modifications regarding the basic plan:

   (a) Para 1.A. through 1.D. are

   (b) Para 2

   (c) Para 3.A. through 3.B.

   (d) Para 3.C.(1) through 3C.(9)

   (e) Para 3.C.(10)

   (f) Para. 4 and 5

3. The OPLAN for Combined Operation Desert Storm (dated 17 Jan 91) remains classified IAW the OPLAN classification guidance except for the following modifications regarding the basic plan:

   (a) Para. 1 and 2

   (b) Para 3.D. through 3.F.

   (c) Para. 3.G.(1) through 3.G.(9)

   (d) Para. 3.G. (10)

   (e) Para. 4 and 5

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4. The Combined OPLAN for Defense and Restoration of Kuwait (dated 11 Feb 91) remains classified as marked.

5. The Combined OPLAN for Defense of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia (dated 22 Feb 91) remains classified IAW the OPLAN classification guidance.

m. **Intelligence Support**

1. Information concerning human intelligence (HUMINT) sources and methods used in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm

   **SECRET**

2. Intelligence information obtained from HUMINT

   **CONFIDENTIAL**

   **NOTE:** HUMINT reporting procedures may require higher level of classification.

n. **Support from Foreign Governments**

The classification, if any, of financial donations from other nations in support of Operation Desert Storm, such as the Governments of Japan, Korea, and Germany, should be coordinated with those governments.