

## CLASSIFICATION GUIDANCE

This document provides general classification guidance concerning information related to the former Detention and Interrogation Program (“the Program”). The guidance does not constitute a classification review by an original classification authority, and the guidance may not be used in lieu of submitting information for a classification review by an original classification authority.

Over time, much information about the Program has been officially declassified and publicly released. Other Program information, however, remains highly classified, and the categories below are not exhaustive. Determining whether certain Program information remains classified, and if so, at what level of classification, can turn on subtle nuances and carefully parsed distinctions. If there is any uncertainty as to whether a particular piece of information is classified or at what level, please treat the information as if it is classified until a classification determination can be obtained from an original classification authority.

As a reminder, classified information can only be discussed with appropriately-cleared individuals in physical facilities that are cleared for classified information. Also as a reminder, leaked documents or information, statements by former intelligence officers, statements by government officials from other agencies, and media reports do not constitute official acknowledgment or declassification. Just because you read or hear something in the news does not mean that the information has been declassified. Please keep in mind that the Executive Branch assured those who voluntarily assisted with the Program that their assistance would be kept secret. Failure to keep those promises could make it harder for the Executive Branch to gain the global cooperation it needs to protect our citizenry in the future. Please continue to honor your oath and your non-disclosure agreement, and seek guidance whenever you are not sure as to whether specific information remains classified.

### **Information Concerning the Program That Remains CLASSIFIED:**

- Information regarding CIA personnel or contractors involved in the Program, including names, pseudonyms, physical descriptions, names of companies, or any other identifying information.
- Information about the operation or location of any overseas detention facilities, including the name of any country in which the detention facility was located. No countries have been acknowledged as a part of the Program.
- Information regarding any foreign government’s cooperation with CIA in administering or hosting any aspect of the Program.
- Information regarding CIA sources, including names, physical descriptions, or any other identifying information.

- Information regarding the capture of individual detainees, including a foreign government's involvement in any operation.
- Information regarding the transfer ("rendition") of detainees.
- Information about CIA's intelligence operations.
- Information regarding debriefing or interrogation sessions with detainees, to include questions asked and the answers.
- The content and source of information provided to detainees during the course of interrogations, debriefings, and interviews.

**Information Concerning the Program That Is Now UNCLASSIFIED:**

- The fact that the Program was a covert action program authorized by the President. The fact that the Program was authorized by the 17 September 2001 Memorandum of Notification (MON).
- General allegations of torture by detainees unless such allegations reveal the identities (*e.g.*, names, physical descriptions, or other identifying information) of CIA personnel or contractors; the locations of detention sites (including the name of any country in which the detention site was allegedly located); or any foreign intelligence service involvement in the detainees' capture, rendition, detention, or interrogation.
- The names and descriptions of the thirteen Enhanced Interrogation Techniques (EITs) that were approved for use, and the specified parameters within which the EITs could be applied.
- EITs as applied to the 119 individuals mentioned in Appendix 2 of the SSCI Executive Summary acknowledged to have been in CIA custody.

- Information regarding the conditions of confinement as applied to the 119 individuals mentioned in Appendix 2 of the SSCI Executive Summary acknowledged to have been in CIA custody.
- Information regarding the treatment of the 119 individuals mentioned in Appendix 2 of the SSCI Executive Summary acknowledged to have been in CIA custody, including the application of standard interrogation techniques.
- Information regarding the conditions of confinement or treatment during the transfer (“rendition”) of the 119 individuals mentioned in Appendix 2 of the SSCI Executive Summary acknowledged to have been in CIA custody.
- The fact of James Mitchell and John “Bruce” Jessen’s involvement in the Program.