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**POLICY BULLETIN**

**POL-5**

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SUBJECT: Declassification Instruction "25X1-human"

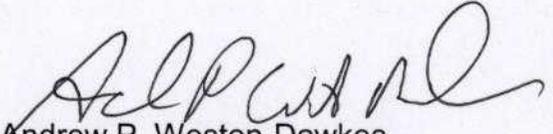
- I. Purpose. This bulletin describes appropriate action to take when classification guide topics or source documents cite "25X1-human" declassification instructions.
- II. Cancellation. This policy bulletin does not cancel any other policy bulletin.
- III. Background. With the implementation of Executive Order (E.O.) 13526, *Classified National Security Information*, the use of "25X1-human" is discontinued. Under E.O. 13526, information that should clearly and demonstrably be expected to reveal the identity of a confidential human source or a human intelligence source is exempt from automatic declassification at 50 years and may be classified for up to 75 years. This is documented by the declassification instruction "50X1-HUM."

Guidance. The declassification instruction "25X1-human" may no longer be used; "50X1-HUM" is to be used in its place. Classification guides with the obsolete declassification instruction are being updated and will be available electronically for unclassified guides and electronically or in hard copy for classified guides. In the meantime, if you possess paper copies of any guide containing topics with the "25X1-human" declassification instruction, you must update these topics to reflect "50X1-HUM."

If a new document is derivatively classified by a source document with the declassification instruction "25X1-human," the Derivative Classifier must use "50X1-HUM" as the declassification instruction for the new document.

- IV. Legacy Documents. Legacy documents are not required to be re-marked.

- VII. Issuing Office. The Office of Quality Management is the issuing office for this bulletin. Additional advice and assistance about this policy can be obtained from Nick Prospero (301-903-5203) or Lesley Nelson-Burns (301-903-4861).



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