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<http://msnbc.msn.com/id/4894001/>

MSNBC Web Site has what appears to be the Executive Summary of the 15-6 with the security classification markings.

MAJ [REDACTED], C-2, pointed out this to me this morning. Other than privacy act questions (which I assume would have to be addressed by whomever leaked the report) of naming the individuals, I am not sure I can defend the classification markings and insist the report be pulled from their site (and frankly it's probably on other sites as well). However, I can raise the issue in PA channels if so desired. If we want this pulled, however, believe we will also have to go through SJA channels.

In the current media environment, it may not be worth fighting. The names are now out there and will be used. Insisting that the names be removed may increase overall hostilities not only with the media, but also in our government and the international community. It may be best for now to ensure the information that is available and does not threaten national security be left for review. Would appear to me that if leaking this report is a criminal offense due to the privacy act and classification markings, an investigation into the leak is required to try to identify who received the report and subsequently leaked it to the media.

As we redact the report, understand this is out there literally in every reporter's hands. For what it's worth, my opinion is that other than privacy act issues, I recommend the Executive Summary be released under FOIA as written.

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