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§ 2800.1 Purpose.

To establish procedures and provide guidance for the security of classified information and material within the Office of the Vice President.

§ 2800.2 Guiding directives.

(a) Executive Order 12065, June 28, 1978, Subject: National Security Information.

(b) Information Security Oversight Office, Directive No. 1, October 2, 1978, Subject: National Security Information.

§ 2800.3 Policy.

The classification, declassification, safeguarding and handling of classified information within the Office of the Vice President will comply with the letter and spirit of those directives listed in §2800.2. All personnel of the Office of the Vice President are responsible individually for complying with the provisions of these regulations are in all respects. The provisions of these regulations applicable to all personnel assigned or detailed to the Office of the Vice President.

§ 2800.4 General information.

(a) *Staff Security Officer/Top Secret Control Officer.* A Vice Presidential Staff Security Officer and Assistant Staff Security Officer will be assigned

to perform the duties as outlined in these regulations. They will normally be on the staff of the Assistant to the Vice President for National Security Affairs. The Staff Security Officer and Assistant Staff Security Officer will serve as Top Secret Control Officer and Assistant Top Secret Control Officer and custodians of classified material for the Office of the Vice President respectively, and will be responsible for the overall supervision of the Top Secret Control program. They will maintain positive control over the movement of all Top Secret material under their jurisdiction.

(b) *Custodian, Office of the Assistant to the Vice President for Congressional Relations.* The Assistant to the Vice President for Congressional Relations, Office of the President of the Senate, will be designated as Custodian of classified material for that office. He will be responsible for compliance with the instructions contained herein. In this capacity, he will be charged with safeguarding classified material necessary to the operation of the office.

(c) *National Security Classifications.* Classifications of National Security Information are defined in Executive Order 12065, sections 1-102 through 1-104.

(d) *Prohibited Markings.* (1) The caveats "FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY" and "ADMINISTRATIVELY RESTRICTED" are used within the Office of the Vice President to designate certain unclassified information which requires control. These caveats will under no circumstances be applied to information which qualifies as classified information. Further, neither they nor other terms will be used in conjunction with the prescribed security classifications of CONFIDENTIAL, SECRET and TOP SECRET.

(2) Unclassified information bearing either of the foregoing administrative designations cannot be protected from release under the national security exemption of the Freedom of Information Act (although other exemptions may be available).

(e) *Security Clearances.* No person shall be given access to classified information or material unless a favorable background investigation has been