

Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel

MEMBERS

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Garry P. Reid

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Lionel Kennedy, Vice Chair

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Eric F. Stein

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Nancy E. Morgan

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND

RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

William P. Fischer

NATIONAL SECURITY

COUNCIL

Ellen Knight

c/o Information Security Oversight Office
700 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 100
Washington, D.C. 20408
Telephone: (202) 357-5250
Fax: (202) 357-5908
E-mail: iscap@nara.gov

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Mark A. Bradley,
Director
**INFORMATION SECURITY
OVERSIGHT OFFICE**

August 13, 2020

Reference: ISCAP No. 2020-022

The Honorable Christopher Murphy
136 Hart Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Murphy:

Thank you for your electronic communications concerning the War Powers Resolution notification that the White House provided to the Congress on January 4, 2020. You requested that the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP) review your classification challenge appeal, after your classification challenge went unanswered. I also received your supplemental statement outlining the reasons that you believe this War Powers Resolution notification does not meet the standards for classification outlined in Executive Order 13526, "Classified National Security Information," ("the Order").

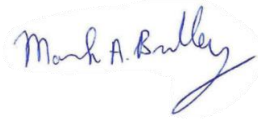
After careful consideration and review of the Order, as the Executive Secretary of the ISCAP, I have determined that your appeal does not meet the requirements of the Order and have administratively closed your case.

The Congress provided itself with a unique and specific process for making such a request in Section 1102 of P.L. 108-458, "Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004". In 2004, by amending the Public Interest Declassification Act of 2000 through this provision, the Congress authorized the Public Interest Declassification Board (PIDB) to perform the following function:

Public Interest Declassification Act of 2000 Sec. 703(b): The purposes of the Board are as follows-- (5) To review and make recommendations to the President in a timely manner with respect to any congressional request, made by the committee of jurisdiction or by a member of the committee of jurisdiction, to declassify certain records, to evaluate the proper classification of certain records, or to reconsider a declination to declassify specific records.

In order to initiate this review, please send a request by the committee of jurisdiction or by a member of the committee of jurisdiction to pidb@nara.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark A. Bradley". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a faint, light blue circular outline.

MARK A. BRADLEY
Executive Secretary