

Sources of DoD Office of Security Review Authority

Historical Context: On March 17, 1949, a memorandum from Secretary of Defense James Forrestal to the three Service Secretaries and the Joint Chiefs of Staff ordered the consolidation of the public information activities of the National Military Establishment including Security Review. On April 14, 1949 OSD's Consolidation Directive No. 1 formally codified the creation of a Joint DoD level Security Review function responsible for classification and policy review prior to publication.

