§ 1260.55 What is the appeal process when an agency denies a mandatory review request for Executive Branch information within Nixon Presidential Historical materials or Presidential records?

(a) If an agency denies a declassification request under mandatory review for Nixon Presidential materials or a Presidential record as defined by 44 U.S.C. 2201, the requester may appeal the determination within 60 calendar days to the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740–6001.

(b) When the Deputy Archivist of the United States receives an appeal, he or she will review the decision to deny the information and consult with the appellate authorities in the agencies having primary subject matter interest in the information.

(c) NARA will notify the requester in writing of the determination and make available any additional information that has been declassified as a result of the requester’s appeal, according to the notification procedures of EO 13233 for Presidential records or 36 CFR part 1275.

(d) NARA will also notify the requester of the right to appeal denials of access to the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel, Attn: Mandatory Review Appeals, c/o Information Security Oversight Office, National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 503, Washington, DC 20408.

(e) The pertinent NARA office or Presidential Library will coordinate the potential release of information declassified by the ISCAP when the materials are subject to the Presidential Recordings and Materials Preservation Act, 44 U.S.C. 2111 note, and the Presidential Records Act, 44 U.S.C. 2203.

§ 1260.56 Is White House originated information subject to mandatory review?

White House originated information of former Presidents is subject to mandatory review consistent with the Presidential Records Act, 44 U.S.C. 2203, the Presidential Recordings and Materials Preservation Act, 44 U.S.C. 2111 note, and any deeds of gift that pertain to the materials or the respective Presidential administrations pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2107 and 2111. Unless precluded by such laws or agreements, White House originated information is subject to mandatory or an equivalent agency review for current classification when NARA has archivally processed the materials or can identify the materials with specificity. However, records covered by the Presidential Records Act are closed for 5 years after the end of the Presidential administration, or until NARA has archivally processed an integral file segment, whichever occurs first, pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2204.

§ 1260.58 What are the procedures for requesting a mandatory review of White House originated information?

(a) Requests for mandatory review must describe the document or material containing the information with sufficient specificity to enable NARA
to locate it with a reasonable amount of effort.

(b) If the document or information has been properly reviewed for declassification within the past 2 years, or if the specific information is the subject of pending litigation, NARA will inform the requester of this fact and of the requester’s appeal rights.

(c) If NARA determines that a requester has submitted a request for the same information or material under both the mandatory review and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), as amended, the request will be treated as a request under the FOIA, unless the requested information or materials are subject only to mandatory review.

(d) NARA will promptly acknowledge to the requester the receipt of a request for White House originated information.

(e) If the requested information is less than 25 years old, NARA will consult with agencies having primary subject matter interest. NARA will forward copies of the requested materials to the agencies and request their recommendations regarding declassification.

(f) If the requested records are more than 25 years old, NARA will review the records using systematic declassification guidance provided by the originating agency and agencies having equities in the information. If the originating agency, or agencies having equities in the information have not provided systematic declassification guidance, or if there is a question regarding the guidance, NARA will refer any requested documents it is unable to declassify to the appropriate agency or agencies for their recommendations regarding declassification.

(g) NARA will notify the requester of the results and furnish copies of the documents declassified in full and in part. If the requested records are not declassified in their entirety, NARA will send the requester a brief statement of the reasons the information cannot be declassified and a notice of the right to appeal the determination within 60 calendar days to the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001.

§ 1260.60 What are agency responsibilities with regard to mandatory review requests for White House originated information?

When an agency receives a mandatory review request from NARA for consultation on declassification of White House originated material, whether it is an initial request or an appeal, the agency must:

(a) Advise the Archivist whether the information should be declassified in whole or in part or should remain classified;

(b) Provide NARA a brief statement providing the authority for the continued classification of any information not declassified; and

(c) Return all reproductions referred for consultation, including a complete copy of each document that should be declassified only in part, uniformly and conspicuously marked to leave no doubt about the status of the information and the authority for its continued classification or its declassification.

§ 1260.62 What is the appeal process when a mandatory review request for White House originated information is denied?

(a) When the Deputy Archivist of the United States receives an appeal, he or she will review the decision to deny the information and consult with the appellate authorities in the agencies having primary subject matter interest in the information.

(b) NARA will notify the requester in writing of the determination and make available any additional information that has been declassified as a result of the requester’s appeal.

(c) NARA will also notify the requester of the right to appeal denials of access to the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel, Attn: Mandatory Review Appeals, c/o Information Security Oversight Office, National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 503, Washington, DC 20408.