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POSSIBLE QUESTIONS SUITABLE FOR ALL CANDIDATES

1. IN YOUR VIEW, WHAT PARTICULAR CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES, IF ANY, DO YOU FACE FOLLOWING A DIRECTOR WHO WAS IN THE POSITION FOR MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS? HOW DO YOU APPROACH THOSE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES?
1. DESCRIBE HOW YOU APPROACH YOUR FIRST SEVERAL MONTHS IN THE POSITION OF ISOO DIRECTOR, HIGHLIGHTING HOW YOU INITIALLY INTERACT WITH THE VARIOUS CONSTITUENCIES WITHIN AND OUTSIDE GOVERNMENT WITH WHOM THE ISOO DIRECTOR ROUTINELY DEALS.
2. THROUGH THE POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR RECORDS ACCESS AND INFORMATION SECURITY AND ITS CLASSIFICATION MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP, THE ISOO IS CURRENTLY COORDINATING A REVIEW OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 12958. DESCRIBE YOUR CONCEPTION OF THE ISOO DIRECTOR'S ROLE IN THIS PROCESS. IF YOU AS THE ISOO DIRECTOR PERCEIVE THAT THE REVIEW PROCESS IS HEADING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION, HOW DO YOU ATTEMPT TO CHANGE ITS DIRECTION TO ONE WITH WHICH YOU ARE IN AGREEMENT?
1. DO YOU HAVE ANY PARTICULAR VIEWS ON HOW E.O. 12958 SHOULD BE AMENDED? WHAT HAVE BEEN ITS STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES?
1. IF THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION DIRECTED YOU TO SCRAP THE REVIEW OF E.O. 12958 AND PROCEED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW SECURITY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM, HOW DO YOU PERCEIVE THE BASIC TENETS AND STRUCTURE OF SUCH A SYSTEM? SHOULD THE PRESIDENT CONTINUE TO CONSTRUCT THE SECURITY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM THROUGH EXECUTIVE ORDER OR SHOULD HE INSTEAD PROPOSE LEGISLATION?

1. ISOO IS CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF SEEING ITS SIZE DOUBLE, FROM APPROXIMATELY A DOZEN TO TWO DOZEN EMPLOYEES. HOW WOULD YOU FOCUS THESE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AMONG ISOO'S VARIOUS FUNCTIONS? WHAT SORT OF MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE AND STYLE DO YOU ENVISION FOR THIS SOMEWHAT LARGER OFFICE?

1. E.O. 12958 RADICALLY CHANGED THE DECLASSIFICATION PROGRAM IN GOVERNMENT. WHAT, IN YOUR VIEW, HAVE BEEN THE SUCCESSES AND FAILURES OF THESE CHANGES? WHAT IS, IN YOUR VIEW, THE APPROPRIATE EMPHASIS OF THE DECLASSIFICATION PROGRAM WITHIN THE LARGER SECURITY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM?

1. THE UNITED STATES PLAYS A LEADERSHIP ROLE AMONG NATIONS IN MANY ASPECTS OF SECURITY POLICY. HOW DOES THE SECURITY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM PLAY INTO THAT ROLE? HOW SHOULD WE DEAL WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF WHAT WE CALL "FOREIGN GOVERNMENT INFORMATION" THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF ITS RETENTION IN OUR RECORDS SYSTEMS?

1. DURING THE PRIOR DIRECTOR'S LONG TENURE, THE ISOO DIRECTOR CLEARLY BECAME THE PUBLIC SPOKESPERSON OR HUMAN FACE OF THE SECURITY CLASSIFICATION AND DECLASSIFICATION PROGRAM. HOW DO YOU ENVISION THAT ASPECT OF THE ISOO DIRECTOR'S FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES? HOW HAS YOUR PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE PREPARED YOU TO MEET THOSE FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES?

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