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XP188 Security Incident Report

Protected:

Incident Detail

Defence Group Affected: Defence Executive Support
Date Occurred: 19/03/2019
Division Affected: MIN&EC&C
Branch Affected: MIN&EC&C
Section Affected: DEPARTMENT LIAISON OFFICERS
Region Affected: ACT
Defence Site Affected: CAPITAL HILL CANBERRA ACT
Establishment Type: Joint
Address where Incident Occurred: M1.23, Parliament House

Security Detail

Category: Disclosure
Sub-Category: Uncleared Personnel
Report Classification: Protected
Privacy /DLM Class:
Info/Material Classification: Top Secret
Info Privacy /DLM Class:
Info/Material caveat: AUSTEO CODEWORD
Does this information originate from a Foreign Source? No
Does this incident involve a treaty article as part of the AUS/US Trade Treaty?: No

Person Reporting Incident

PMKeys No: 8528802
Surname, First Name: [REDACTED]
DOB: [REDACTED]
Email ID: [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]
Service: Civilian
Rank: N/A
Unit, Branch or DISP company: MECC - MINDIO
Unit, Branch or DISP company: M1.23, PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Person Responsible

PMKeys No:
Surname, First Name: Lehmann, Bruce
Phone: [REDACTED]
Nationality:
Organisation: OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE INDUSTRY
Name Unknown: No



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CO/Manager of Person Responsible

PMKeys No:
 Surname, First Name: Brown, Fiona
 Phone: [REDACTED]

Incident Circumstances & Details

Mr Lehmann left a Top Secret-Codeword classified document uncovered and uncontrolled on a desk within the ministerial suite. Uncleared personnel are present within the suite (though the usual occupant of the desk/intended recipient was offsite - it should be noted she also was not appropriately cleared). The presence of the document was brought to my attention by another (cleared) staff member and I secured the document within a B-class safe. I then proceeded to inform Mr Lehmann that documents at that classification could not be handled in that manner and offered to provide him with details on appropriate document handling procedures which was declined. Mr Lehmann then requested I return the document to him in order for him to return it to the originating agency, claiming he had a secure means by which to transport it. Mr Lehmann was then observed leaving the suite with the document in an opaque plastic folder. Subsequent inquiries determined that the document was hand delivered by Mr Lehmann to a representative of the originating agency. Mr Lehmann later documented his actions and my follow up actions in an FOUO email sent from the DPN to the Department of Home Affairs.

Action Taken to Contain and Prevent Recurrence of Incident

Mr Lehmann has verbally confirmed that he holds no other material classified to this level. A whole of office document audit is planned to occur within the next week and the newly established CDR will be fully completed following this audit.

Damage Assessment/Degree of Compromise resulting from Incident

The immediate damage in this case was contained as although there was the potential for uncleared personnel to have viewed the document, it is unlikely that this occurred. It may be prudent for Mr Lehmann to be reminded of classified document handling procedures to reduce the likelihood of a recurrence.

Attachments

File Name	Comment	Added By	Date Created
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Name of Person Making Assessment

Surname, First Name: Payne, Christopher Adam
 Rating: Major

USO/FSO/ISSO/ISO

Surname, First Name: Leonard, Jemma Date: 20/03/2019

Command Management

Surname, First Name: Bain, Rowena Date: 20/03/2019