The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia recently ruled that Hillary Rodham Clinton is a full-time government official, overturning an earlier District Court decision. The NSA Office of General Counsel (OGC) has determined that it is appropriate to treat Mrs. Clinton as a senior official of the Executive Branch.

1. Mrs. Clinton may be identified in reports only by title (currently, Chairperson of the President's Task Force on National Health Care Reform) without prior approval when that title is necessary to understand or assess foreign intelligence and when the information being discussed relates to her official duties. Should Mrs. Clinton be assigned to other task forces or official duties in the Executive Branch, those titles may also be used, as necessary.

2. Reports containing information about Mrs. Clinton that is not clearly foreign intelligence must be checked, at a minimum, through Office and Group level 05 elements. As with other senior officials of the Executive Branch, no reports may be published concerning Mrs. Clinton's private life or activities absent evidence of criminal wrongdoing and even then only after review by senior NSA management and the OGC.