

# Under What Circumstances Are Insider Leaks Justified?

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**Justification for future leaks should be based on meeting all six conditions.**

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- Developing a consistent internal policy on information disclosures
  - “instant declassification” versus “unauthorized disclosure”

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- June 5th 2013 - Present
- Estimated # of documents obtained:
  - 15,000+ Australian Intelligence Files
  - 58,000+ British Intelligence Files
  - ~1,700,000 U.S. Intelligence Files

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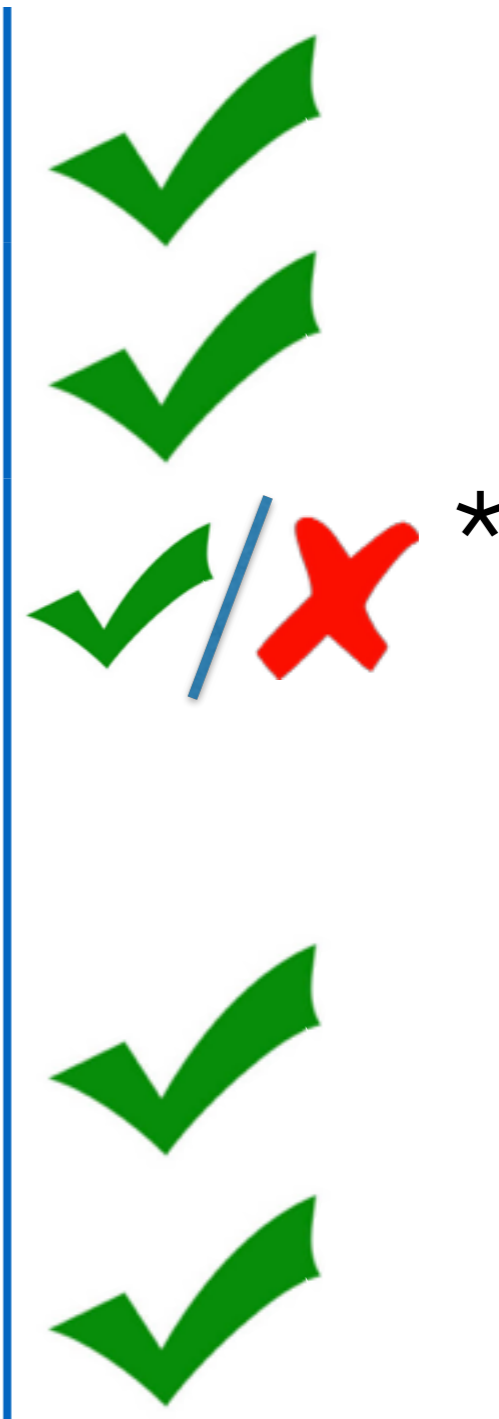


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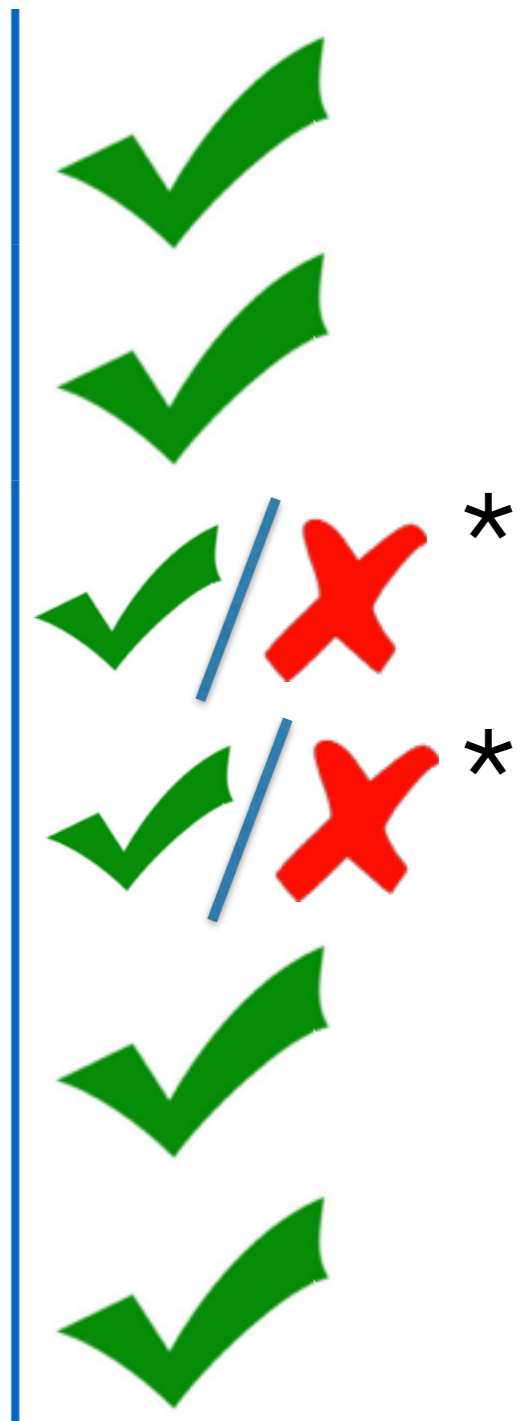
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