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FOREWORD

The "National Policy on Electronic Keying" was developed in recognition of the need to reduce the operational and security vulnerabilities associated with the use of keying materials produced and distributed in tangible form (e.g., paper tapes, key lists, magnetic tapes, etc.). The objective is to improve the telecommunications and information systems security posture of the U.S. Government through the development, dissemination and universal adoption of electronic keying methods. Heads of U.S. Government departments and agencies shall ensure implementation of this policy within their organizations.

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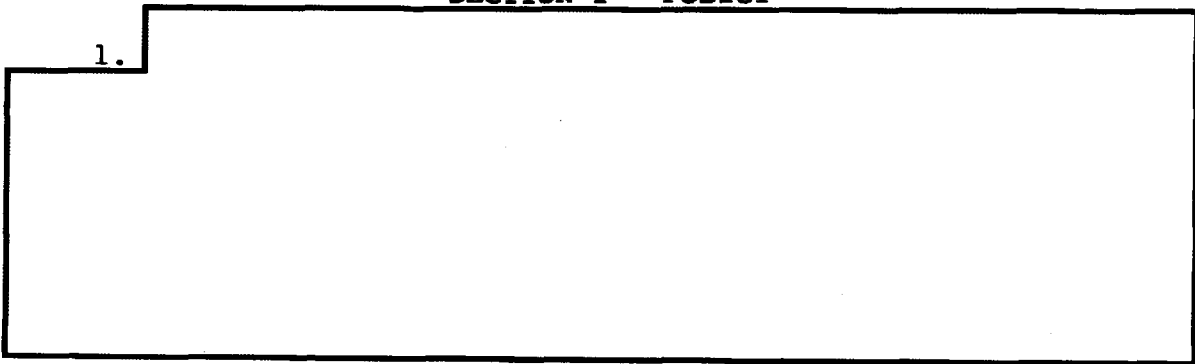
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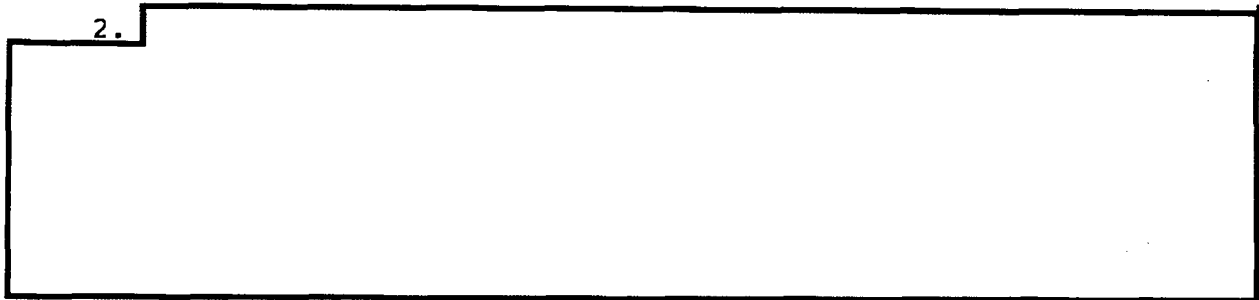
SECTION I - POLICY

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SECTION II - DEFINITIONS

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SECTION III - APPLICABILITY

3. This policy applies to all U.S. Government departments and agencies that use cryptography related to national security systems.

SECTION IV - RESPONSIBILITIES

4. Heads of U.S. Government departments and agencies shall plan, program, fund, implement and manage those electronic keying programs which are necessary to satisfy the requirements of this policy and any future NSTISSC issuances on the same subject.