

**PROTECTED A:** Low-sensitive: applies to information that if compromised could reasonably be expected to cause injury outside the National Interest.

Examples of **PROTECTED A** material are:

- Disclosure of an exact salary figure
- Social Insurance Number

## Identifying Equipment for Processing Sensitive Information

There are various systems and equipment available to you to process sensitive material. Each of these have their own limitations of which you must be aware.

### SIGNET-D

SIGNET-D is designed and accredited to process information that is determined to be **Unclassified** or **Protected A** only. There is a great deal of misunderstanding surrounding use of SIGNET-D for the processing of information. When using SIGNET-D, you have the option of selecting one of two levels of sensitivity for the message: **Unclassified** or **Protected**. When you indicate that your message is **PROTECTED**, you are not affording your information any greater degree of protection than if you had selected **UNCLASSIFIED**. You are in fact providing handling instructions to the intended recipient.

### SIGNET-C

The SIGNET-C systems are the only ones designed and accredited to process the following categories of classified and designated information:

- **SECRET**
- **CONFIDENTIAL**
- **PROTECTED B and C**
- SIGNET-C4 uses the KG84C and STUIII to provide high grade cryptographic protection of information being transmitted on the system
- The Windows NT operating systems meets government and departmental security requirements for storing and handling classified material. Users on the network can store classified material and this information will not be accessible by other users

When processing sensitive information, you must:

- Ensure that the appropriate security classification is indicated in the upper-right hand corner of each page