Who can designate or classify information?

If the information is of a type already identified in the Security Classification Guide anyone may classify or designate it according to the Guide's instructions. If the information is not mentioned in the guide, it can be classified or designated only by a Deputy Director or above.

Extracts from classified or designated material

Information derived from material that is already classified or designated is automatically classified or designated to match the original information. For instance, if a document is classified as SECRET, a person preparing a briefing note on it simply classifies the briefing material as SECRET.