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#### § 505.1 Purpose and scope.

The United States Information Agency will protect individuals' privacy from misuse of their records, and grant individuals access to records concerning them which are maintained by the Agency's domestic and overseas offices, consistent with the provisions of Public Law 93-579, 88 Stat. 1897; 5 U.S.C. 552a, the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended. The Agency has also established procedures to permit individuals to amend incorrect records, to limit the disclosure of personal information to third parties, and to limit the number of sources of personal information. The Agency has also established internal rules restricting requirements of individuals to provide social security account numbers.

#### § 505.2 Definitions.

(a) *Access Appeal Committee (AAC)*—The body established by and responsible to the Director of USIA for reviewing appeals made by individuals to amend records held by the Agency.

(b) *Agency or USIA or USIA*—The United States Information Agency, its offices, divisions, branches and its Foreign Service establishments.

(c) *Amend*—To make a correction to or expunge any portion of a record about an individual which that individual believes is not accurate, relevant, timely or complete.

(d) *Individual*—A citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

(e) *Maintain*—Collect, use, store, disseminate or any combination of these record-keeping functions; exercise of control over and hence responsibility and accountability for systems of records.

(f) *Record*—Any information maintained by the Agency about an individual that can be reproduced, includ-

ing finger or voice prints and photographs, and which is retrieved by that particular individual's name or personal identifier, such as a social security number.

(g) *Routine use*—With respect to the disclosure of a record, the use of such record for a purpose which is compatible with the purpose for which it was collected. The common and ordinary purposes for which records are used and all of the proper and necessary uses, even if any such uses occur infrequently.

(h) *Statistical record*—A record in a system of records maintained for statistical research or reporting purposes only and not used in whole or in part in making any determination about an identifiable individual, except as provided in 13 U.S.C. 8.

(i) *System of records*—A group of records under the maintenance and control of the Agency from which information is retrieved by the name or personal identifier of the individual.

(j) *Personnel record*—Any information about an individual that is maintained in a system of records by the Agency that is needed for personnel management or processes such as staffing, employee development, retirement, grievances and appeals.

(k) *Post*—Any of the foreign service branches of the Agency.

#### § 505.3 Procedures for requests.

(a) The agency will consider all written requests received from an individual for records pertaining to herself/himself as a request made under the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a) whether or not the individual specifically cites the Privacy Act when making the request.

(b) All requests under the Privacy Act should be directed to the USIA, Office of the General Counsel, FOIA/Privacy Act Unit (GC/FOI), 301 4th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20547, which will coordinate the search of all systems of records specified in the request. Requests should state name, date of birth, and social security number.

(c) Requests directed to the Agency's overseas posts which involve routine unclassified, administrative and personnel records available only at those posts may be released to the individual