timeliness, and completeness of the existing record compared to the proposed amendment to decide whether the amendment is justified. On a request to delete information, the manager should also review the request and the existing record to decide whether the information is needed by the agency under a statute or an Executive order.

§ 105–64.403 Approval of requests to amend.

If a manager decides that a record should be amended, he or she must promptly correct it and send the person a corrected copy. If an accounting of disclosure was created to document disclosure of a record, anyone who previously received the record must be informed of the substance of the correction and sent a copy of the corrected record. The manager should advise the Privacy Act Officer that the request to amend was approved.

§ 105–64.404 Denial of requests to amend.

(a) If a manager decides that amending a record is improper or that it should be amended in a different way, he or she refers the request and recommendation to the Head of the Service or Staff Office or Regional Administrator through channels.

(b) If the Head of the Service or Staff Office or Regional Administrator decides to amend the record as requested, he or she should promptly return the request to the manager with instructions to make the amendment under § 105–64.403.

(c) If the Head of the Service or Staff Officer or Regional Administrator decides not to amend the record as requested, he or she should promptly advise the requester in writing of the decision. The letter shall (1) state the reason for denying the request; (2) include proposed alternate amendments, if appropriate; (3) state the requester's right to appeal the denial; and (4) tell how to proceed with an appeal.

(d) The Privacy Act Officer must be sent a copy of the original denial of a request to amend a record.

§ 105–64.405 Agreement to alternative amendments.

If the letter denying a request to amend a record proposes alternate amendments and the requester agrees to them, he or she must notify the official who signed the letter. The official should promptly instruct the manager to amend the record under § 105–64.403.

§ 105–64.406 Appeal of denial of request to amend a record.

(a) A requester who is denied a request to amend a record may appeal the denial. The appeal should be sent to the General Services Administration, Privacy Act Officer (ATRAI), Washington, DC 20405. If the request involves a record in a GSA employee's official personnel folder, as described in Chapter 293 of the Federal Personnel Manual, the appeal should be addressed to the Director, Bureau of Manpower Information Systems, Office of Personnel Management, Washington, DC 20415.

(b) The appeal to the Privacy Act Officer must be in writing and be received within 30 calendar days after the requester receives the letter stating the request was denied. It should be marked ''Privacy Act—Appeal,'' both on the front of the letter and the envelope.

(c) On receiving an appeal, the Privacy Act Officer should consult with the manager, the official who made the denial, legal counsel, and other officials involved. If the Privacy Act Officer, after consulting with these officials, decides that the record should be amended as requested, he or she must promptly inform the manager to amend it under § 105–64.403 and shall notify the requester.

(d) If the Privacy Act Officer, after consulting with the officials listed in the above paragraph, decides to reject an appeal, he or she should send the file, with a recommendation, to the Deputy Administrator for a final administrative decision.

(e) If the Deputy Administrator decides to change the record, he or she should promptly instruct the manager in writing to amend it under § 105–64.403 and send a copy of the instruction to