which he or she is covered provides for this review.

(f) Decisions issued by the Office of Personnel Management shall be considered final decisions. OPM may, at its discretion, reconsider an original appellate decision when new and material information is presented, in writing, by the employee or the agency, which establishes a reasonable doubt as to the appropriateness of the original decision. The request must show that the information was not readily available when the decision was issued. A request for reconsideration of an original appeal decision must be submitted to OPM within 30 calendar days of the date of the original decision.

[45 FR 85656, Dec. 30, 1980, as amended at 50 FR 428, Jan. 4, 1985; 50 FR 45389, Oct. 31, 1985]

§536.303 Documentation.

The application of the provisions of this part shall be documented in writing as a permanent part of the employee's Official Personnel Folder. As a minimum this documentation will include a copy of the letter described in \$536.304.

§ 536.304 Issuance of employee letters.

When an employee is entitled to grade and/or pay retention, the employing agency shall give to the employee, with a copy of the Notification of Personnel Action (SF-50) documenting entitlement to grade and/or pay retention, a letter describing the circumstances warranting grade and/or pay retention, and the nature of that entitlement.

§536.305-536.306 [Reserved]

§ 536.307 Availability of information.

- (a) The Office, upon a request which identifies the individual from whose file the information is sought, shall disclose the following information from an appeal file to a member of the public, except when the disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy:
- (1) Confirmation of the name of the individual from whose file the information is sought and the names of the other parties concerned;
 - (2) The status of the appeal;

- (3) The results of the appeal (i.e., proper title, pay plan, series, and grade):
- (4) The classification requested (i.e., title, pay plan, series, and grade); and
- (5) With the consent of the parties concerned, other reasonably identified information from the file.
- (b) The Office will disclose to the parties concerned, the information contained in an appeal file in proceedings under this part, except when the disclosure would violate the proscription against the disclosure of medical information in §297.204(c) of this chapter. For the purposes of this section, "the parties concerned" means the Government employee or former Government employee involved in the proceedings, his or her representative designated in writing, and the representative of the agency or the Office involved in the proceeding.

[50 FR 3313, Jan. 24, 1985, as amended at 54 FR 18879, May 3, 1989]

§ 536.308 Applicability of retained grade.

- (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, when an employee is entitled to grade retention, the retained grade shall be treated as the employee's grade for all purposes, including pay and pay administration, retirement, life insurance, and eligibility for training.
- (b) The retained grade may not be used—
- (1) In any reduction-in-force procedure:
- (2) To determine whether an employee has been demoted for the purpose of terminating grade or pay retention;
- (3) To determine whether an employee retains status as a GM employee (as defined in §531.202 of this chapter); or
- (4) To determine whether an employee is exempt or nonexempt from the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (as amended).

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