

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
BUREAU OF THE PUBLIC DEBT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT ANNUAL REPORT
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000

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I. BASIC INFORMATION REGARDING REPORT.

This is the Fiscal Year 2000 FOIA Report for the Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury. The Department's combined report is posted at the Department of the Treasury's website at: <http://www.treas.gov/foia/2000.pdf>.

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Bureau of the Public Debt's FOIA Home Page:
<http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov> and click on FOIA

II. HOW TO MAKE A FOIA REQUEST; RESPONSE TIMES; WHY SOME REQUESTS NOT GRANTED.

II.A. The Bureau of the Public Debt's FOIA Reference Guide is available at <http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov> and click on FOIA, or by contacting the office as described above.

II.B. The Bureau of the Public Debt's response time range in days was 1 day for simple requests to 7 months for requests where coordination with other agencies/entities was necessary.

II.C. The most common reasons requests for records could not be granted are: (1) we needed more search information; (2) records contained personal information; (3) it was not a proper FOIA request.

III. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

See the Department of the Treasury's report at: <http://www.treas.gov/foia/2000.pdf>.

IV. EXEMPTION 3 STATUTES.

None relied on by the Bureau of the Public Debt during fiscal year 2000.

V. INITIAL FOIA/PA ACCESS REQUESTS.

A. Number of initial requests.

1. Pending 10/01/99: 3
2. Received FY 2000: 101
3. Processed FY 2000: 94
4. Pending 9/30/00: 10

B. Disposition of initial requests.

1. Total grants: 46
2. Partial grants: 9
3. Denials: 2
 - Number of times each FOIA exemption used:
 - (b)(4): 3
 - (b)(6): 6
4. Other reasons for non-disclosure (total): 37
 - a. no records: 4
 - b. referrals: 4
 - c. withdrawn: 3
 - d. fee-related: 3
 - e. records not reasonably described: 1
 - f. not a proper FOIA request for some other reason: 6
 - g. not an agency record: 4
 - h. need more search information: 12

VI. APPEALS OF INITIAL DENIALS OF FOIA/PA REQUESTS.

A. Number of appeals.

1. Received FY 2000: 5
2. Processed FY 2000: 5

B. Disposition of appeals.

Number completely upheld: 4
Number partially reversed: 0
Number completely reversed: 1

Number of times each FOIA exemption used: (b)(6): 1

Other reasons for non-disclosure (total): 4

- a. no records: 4

VII. COMPLIANCE WITH TIME LIMITS/STATUS OF PENDING REQUESTS.

A. Median time for processing requests.

Complex Requests:

Number of requests processed: 58
Median number of days to process: 13

B. Status of pending requests.

Number of requests pending at end of FY 2000: 10

Median number of days requests were pending: 29

VIII. COMPARISONS WITH PREVIOUS YEARS. (OPTIONAL)

None.

IX. COSTS/FOIA STAFFING.

A. Staffing levels.

1. Number of full-time FOIA personnel: 1

2. Number of personnel with part-time FOIA duties (in work-years): 0.20

3. Total number of personnel (in work-years): 1.20

B. Total costs (staff and resources combined):

1. FOIA processing (including appeals): \$95,000

2. Litigation-related activities: \$0

3. Total costs: \$95,000

X. FEES.

A. Total fees collected FY 00: \$0.00

XI. FOIA REGULATIONS.

The Treasury Department's final rule revising the Department's FOIA regulations, 31 CFR Part 1, Subpart A, was published at 65 FR 40503 on June 30, 2000. It can be accessed at www.treas.gov/foia/foiaregs.pdf.