

authorized by law, and the Department's general policy statements and interpretations formulated for public guidance are (1) published in the Federal Register, (2) codified in the Code of Federal Regulations, and (3) published in the postal manual.

(e) Rules addressed to and served upon named persons in accordance with law are in most instances published in the Postal Bulletin. A description of the Department's organization is published annually in the United States Government Organization Manual. Changes in organization are shown as they occur in other publications.

3. Pursuant to rules published in 39 Code of Federal Regulations 201.33 and 204.25, orders issued by the Department in administrative fraud, lottery and obscenity proceedings, and in proceedings relating to the issuance and revocation of second-class mailing permits, are available for public inspection in the Department's law library.

4. None.

5. None, other than those made available for inspection in accordance with published rules.

6. The Department's procedure to make its records and files available to the public is outlined in sections 4.3 and 4.4 of title 39, Code of Federal Regulations. Letters to members of the public frequently contain interpretations and legal opinions.

No provision is made for disseminating current legal opinions, except to the extent that they are embodied in regulations published in the Federal Register and the postal manual. Selected opinions of the Department's chief legal officer, however, are available in bound volumes up to and including the year 1951.

7. Section 4.3 and 4.4 of title 39, Code of Federal Regulations, place the limitations on the availability of records and files to the general public.

8. None.

9. The Department has refrained from publishing rules on the grounds that they involve functions requiring secrecy in the public interest only in the case of certain national emergency planning.

10. The Department has generally refrained from publishing rules in the Federal Register on matters it considers relating solely to internal agency management. These regulations, however, are published in the Department's Postal Bulletin, Postal Manual, its Regional Manual, and various handbooks, which are available for public inspection.

11. The Department has not formulated a comprehensive definition of "official record" as used in section 3(c) of the Administrative Procedure Act.

There are enclosed two copies of each of the following:

A. Parts 114 and 115 of the Postal Manual, which are identical to parts 4 and 5 of title 39, Code of Federal Regulations;

B. Subsection (b) of section 201.200 of title 39, Code of Federal Regulations;

C. Sections 201.32 and 201.33 of title 39, Code of Federal Regulations; and

D. Sections 204.24 and 204.25 of title 39, Code of Federal Regulations.

Sincerely yours,

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REPLY FROM DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Washington, D.C., March 26, 1965.

Hon. JOHN E. MOSS,
*Chairman, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN MOSS: Further reference is made to your letters of February 12, 1965, concerning agency compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

The Department publishes or otherwise makes available to the public, rules, regulations, procedures, notices, and information which are considered of specific or general interest to, and affect the public, including protection and welfare of U.S. citizens, their property and estates abroad, shipping and seamen, visas, nationality and passports, international educational exchange, economic, commercial, and civil aviation services, international traffic in arms, and many others.