

7. By administrative determination, the Commission limits inspection of files to claimants or their duly authorized representatives. This limitation is designed for protection of claimants and Commission. As stated under (3), (4) and (6) above, decisions on claims are available to the public upon request.

8. Parties dealing with the Commission are not required in any manner to resort to organization or procedure not published in the Federal Register.

9. The nature of the Commission's authority does not involve any function of the United States requiring it to refrain from publishing rules requiring secrecy in the public interest.

10. None.

11. "Official record" as used in section 3(c) of the Administrative Procedure Act and as it relates to the functions of the Commission, means any document, publication, decision or record utilized by the Commission in determining the validity and amount of a claim.

Enclosed are two copies of Commission regulations.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD D. RE, *Chairman.*

REPLY FROM GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION,
Washington, D.C., March 18, 1965.

HON. JOHN E. MOSS,

*Chairman, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information,
Committee on Government Operations, House of Representatives.*

DEAR MR. MOSS: This is with further reference to your letter of February 12, 1965, requesting, in connection with your subcommittee's study of the availability of information from Federal departments and agencies, copies of certain documents and the answers to 11 questions relating to section 3 of the Administrative Procedure Act of 1946 (5 U.S.C. 1002).

Accordingly, there is attached a statement which responds to the 11 questions asked in your letter. Also, transmitted herewith are two copies each of the documents mentioned in the statement.

We trust that this information will be helpful to you and your subcommittee and if we may be of further assistance in this matter please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

LAWSON B. KNOTT, Jr., *Acting Administrator.*

1. Agency functions involved—all. Agency units excluded—none. (For a description of these functions, see U.S. Government Organization Manual, 1964-65, pp. 421-428.)

2. (a) Federal Register, Code of Federal Regulations, and U.S. Government Organization Manual. Intervals—as needed from time to time, but at least annually.

(b) Same. In addition, our Business Service Centers distribute to the public leaflets and brochures on how to do business with GSA in special areas, such as purchasing, sale of surplus property, and leasing.

(c) Federal Register and Code of Federal Regulations, as needed from time to time. These consist primarily of the Federal Property Management Regulations and the Federal Procurement Regulations published in title 41: Code of Federal Regulations. In addition, the Federal Procurement Regulations prescribed by GSA are published in looseleaf form by the Government Printing Office for sale to the public.

(d) Same as (c).

(e) Inapplicable to GSA.

3. Decisions of the GSA Board of Contract Appeals are published, in whole or in part, by the Commerce Clearing House in its reports entitled "Board of Contract Appeals Decisions." These decisions and other opinions in adjudicated matters are available for public inspection in accordance with published rule (41 CFR 101-12.101-3). Significant decisions are also frequently digested in "The Government Contractor" (Federal Publications, Inc.) and the "Federal Contracts Report" (Bureau of National Affairs, Inc.).

4. None.

5. While unpublished opinions are not cited, they may be given consideration in other proceedings involving internal management affairs, such as personnel actions.