

These regulations, when codified, are also published in the Federal Register.

(d) Since its substantive regulations are prescribed by the President, the Selective Service System has not formulated or adopted any statements of general policy or interpretations for the guidance of the public.

(e) The System issues no rules addressed to and served upon named persons.

3. The Selective Service System does not adjudicate cases which require the preparation of final or interim opinions or orders. As mentioned previously, over 2 million individual classifications of registrants are determined annually by local and appeal boards. Section 6(h) of the Universal Military Training and Service Act, as amended, provides in part as follows:

* * * There shall be posted in a conspicuous place at the office of each local board a list setting forth the names and classifications of those persons who have been classified by such local board. * * *

A record of classifications is maintained at each local board, which is open to the public.

4. Since the System does not prepare interim or final opinions or orders in the adjudication of cases, this question is not applicable to its operations.

5. There are no cases in which opinions or orders in other proceedings are cited or used as precedents. Section 6(h) of the Universal Military Training and Service Act, as amended, provides that no deferment from induction into the Armed Forces "shall be made in the case of any individual except upon the basis of the status of such individual." Thus, the classification of a registrant must be determined solely on the basis of his own status without giving consideration to matters arising out of the cases of other registrants.

6. Since the System does not issue interpretations or legal opinions, there would remain the records and files of individual registrants which would be of interest to the public. There are available in the manner described in 7, below. There is no restriction on the availability of other files or records and requests that they be made available are seldom received.

7. Limitations have been placed upon the availability to the general public of the records and files of individual registrants because of the personal nature of the information contained therein involving such matters as the registrant's income and property, his family and marital status, his physical and mental condition, and that of members of his family, and other personal information required for the determination of his classification on the basis of his individual status.

Limitations placed upon the availability of records are prescribed by sections 1606.31 and 1606.32 of the Selective Service Regulations (32 CFR 1606.31 and 1606.32), as follows:

"1606.31. *What records confidential.*—Except as provided by law or by the regulations in this part, the records in a registrant's file and the information contained in such records shall be confidential.

"1606.32. *Availability and use of confidential records and information.*—(a) Information contained in records in a registrant's file may be disclosed or furnished to, or examined by, the following persons, namely:

"(1) The registrant, or any person having written authority dated and signed by the registrant: *Provided*, That, whenever the time of the expiration of such authority is not specified therein, no information shall be disclosed, furnished, or examined under that authority after the expiration of a period of one year from its date.

"(2) The legal representative of a deceased or incompetent registrant, or where there is no legal representative appointed for the estate of a deceased registrant, his next of kin: *Provided*, That proof of the registrant's death and proof of the relationship of the next of kin to the registrant have been submitted and are in his file. For the purpose of this subparagraph, the next of kin to the registrant shall be limited to his widow, child, mother, father, brother, or sister.

"(3) All personnel of the Selective Service System while engaged in carrying out the functions of the Selective Service System.

"(4) Any other agency, official, or employee, or class or group of officials or employees, of the United States or any State or subdivision thereof upon written request in individual cases, but only when and to the extent specifically authorized in writing by the State Director of Selective Service or the Director of Selective Service.

"(b) Information contained in records in a registrant's file may be disclosed or furnished to, or examined by, a United States Attorney and his duly authorized representatives, including agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, when-