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**Summary.** This regulation implements DODD 5400.12, Obtaining Information from Financial Institutions, 6 February 1980; Change 1 to DODD 5400.12, 23 April 1981; and Section 3401 et seq, Title 12, United States Code, Public Law 95-630, "Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978." It sets forth policy for the Department of the Army to obtain information on a customer's financial records from a financial institution.

**Applicability.** See paragraph 1-2.

**Proponent and exception authority.** Not applicable.

**Army management control process.** Not applicable.

**Supplementation.** Supplementation of this regulation is permitted, but is not required. If supplements are issued, HQDA, agencies, and major Army commands will furnish one copy of each supplement to HQDA

(DAPE-HRE-EM), WASH DC 20310; other commands will furnish one copy of each to the next higher headquarters.

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## Chapter 1 General

### 1-1. Purpose

This regulation provides DA policies, procedures, and restrictions governing access to and disclosure of financial records maintained by financial institutions during the conduct of Army investigations or inquiries.

### 1-2. Applicability

*a.* This regulation applies to—

(1) All DA investigative activities conducted by the Active Army, the Army National Guard, and the US Army Reserve.

(2) Financial records maintained by financial institutions as defined in paragraph 1-3*a*.

*b.* The provisions of 12 U.S.C. 3401 et seq. do not govern obtaining access to financial records maintained by financial institutions located outside of the States or territories of the United States, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, Guam, American Samoa, or the Virgin Islands. The procedures outlined in paragraph 2-4*d* will be followed in seeking access to financial information from these facilities.

### 1-3. Explanation of terms

For purposes of this regulation, the following terms apply:

*a. Financial institution.* Any office of a—

(1) Bank.

(2) Savings bank.

(3) Credit card issuer as defined in Section 103 of the Consumers Credit Protection Act (15 U.S.C. 1602(n)).

(4) Industrial loan company.

(5) Trust company.

(6) Savings and loan association.

(7) Building and loan association.

(8) Homestead association (including cooperative banks).

(9) Credit union.

(10) Consumer finance institution.

This includes only those offices located in any State or territory of the United States, or in the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, or the Virgin Islands.

(11) Military banking contractors located outside the States or territories of the United States or the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, or the Virgin Islands.

*b. Financial record.* An original record, its copy, or information known to have been derived from the original record held by a financial institution, pertaining to a customer's relationship with the financial institution.

*c. Person.* An individual or partnership of five or fewer individuals.

*d. Customer.* Any person or authorized representative of that person—

(1) Who used or is using any service of a financial institution.

(2) For whom a financial institution is acting or has acted as a fiduciary for an account maintained in the name of that person.

*e. Law enforcement inquiry.* A lawful investigation or official proceeding that inquires into a violation of, or failure to comply with, a criminal or civil statute or any enabling regulation, rule, or order issued pursuant thereto.

*f. Army law enforcement office.* Any Army element, agency, or unit authorized to conduct investigations under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or Army regulations. This broad definition of Army law enforcement office includes military police, criminal investigation, inspector general, and military intelligence activities conducting investigations of violations of law or regulation.

*g. Personnel security investigation.* An investigation required to determine a person's eligibility for access to classified information, assignment or retention in sensitive duties, or other designated duties requiring such investigation. Personnel security investigation

includes investigations of subversive affiliations, suitability information, or hostage situations conducted to make personnel security determinations. It also includes investigations of allegations that—

(1) Arise after adjudicative action, and

(2) Require resolution to determine a person's current eligibility for access to classified information or assignment or retention in a sensitive position. With DA, personnel security investigations are conducted by the Defense Investigative Service.

### 1-4. Policy

*a. Customer consent.* It is DA policy to seek customer consent to obtain a customer's financial records from a financial institution unless doing so would compromise or harmfully delay a legitimate law enforcement inquiry. If the person declines to consent to disclosure, the alternative means of obtaining the records authorized by this regulation will be used. (See paras 2-4 through 2-7.)

*b. Access request.* Except as provided in c below and paragraphs 1-6*a*, 2-7, and 2-10, Army investigative elements may not have access to or obtain copies of the information in the financial records of any customer from a financial institution unless the financial records are reasonably described and the—

(1) Customer has authorized such disclosure (para 2-2);

(2) Financial records are disclosed in response to a search warrant which meets the requirements of paragraph 2-4;

(3) Financial records are disclosed in response to a judicial subpoena which meets the requirements of paragraph 2-5; or

(4) Financial records are disclosed in response to a formal written request which meets the requirements of paragraph 2-6.

*c. Voluntary information.* Nothing in this regulation will preclude any financial institution, or any officer, employee, or agent of a financial institution, from notifying an Army investigative element that such institution, or officer, employee, or agent has information which may be relevant to a possible violation of any statute or regulation.

### 1-5. Authority

*a.* Law enforcement offices are authorized to obtain records of financial institutions per this regulation, except as provided in paragraph 2-5.

*b.* The head of a law enforcement office, of field grade rank or higher (or an equivalent grade civilian official), is authorized to initiate requests for such records.

### 1-6. Exceptions and waivers

*a.* A law enforcement office may issue a formal written request for basic identifying account information to a financial institution as part of a legitimate law enforcement inquiry. The request may be issued for any or all of the following identifying data:

(1) Name.

(2) Address.

(3) Account number.

(4) Type of account of any customer or ascertainable group of customers associated with a financial transaction or class or financial transactions.

*b.* A request for disclosure of the above specified basic identifying data on a customer's account may be issued without complying with the customer notice, challenge, or transfer procedures described in chapter 2. However, if access to the financial records themselves is required, the procedures in chapter 2 must be followed. (A sample format for requesting basic identifying account data is in app A).

*c.* No exceptions or waivers will be granted for those portions of this regulation required by law. Submit requests for exceptions for waivers of other aspects of this regulation to HQDA (DAPE-HRE), WASH DC 20310.

## Chapter 2 Procedures

### 2-1. General

A law enforcement official seeking access to a person's financial records will, when feasible, obtain the customer's consent. This chapter also sets forth other authorized procedures for obtaining financial records if it is not feasible to obtain the customer's consent. Authorized procedures for obtaining financial records follow. All communications with a US Attorney or a US District Court, as required by this regulation, will be coordinated with the supporting staff judge advocate before dispatch.

### 2-2. Customer consent

*a.* A law enforcement office or personnel security element may gain access to or a copy of a customer's financial records by obtaining the customer's consent and authorization in writing. (See app B for a sample format.) Any consent obtained under the provisions of this paragraph must—

- (1) Be in writing, signed, and dated.
  - (2) Identify the particular financial records being disclosed.
  - (3) State that the customer may revoke the consent at any time before disclosure.
  - (4) Specify the purpose of disclosure and to which agency the records may be disclosed.
  - (5) Authorize the disclosure for a period not over 3 months.
  - (6) Contain a "Statement of Customer Rights Under the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978" (app B).
- b.* Any customer's consent not containing all of the elements listed in *a* above will not be valid.
- c.* A copy of the customer's consent will be made a part of the law enforcement inquiry file.
- d.* A certification of compliance with 12 U.S.C. 3401 et seq (app C), along with the customer's consent, will be provided to the financial institution as a prerequisite to obtaining access to the financial records.
- e.* The annual reporting requirements of paragraph 2-13 apply to requests made to a financial institution even with the customer's consent.

### 2-3. Administrative summons or subpoena

The Army has no authority to issue an administrative summons or subpoena for access to financial records.

### 2-4. Search warrant

*a.* A law enforcement office may obtain financial records by using a search warrant obtained under Rule 41 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure in appropriate cases.

*b.* No later than 90 days after the search warrant is served, unless a delay of notice is obtained under paragraph 2-9, a copy of the search warrant and the following notice must be mailed to the customer's last known address:

"Records or information concerning your transaction held by the financial institution named in the attached search warrant were obtained by this (office/agency/unit) on (date) for the following purpose: (state purpose). You may have rights under the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978."

*c.* Search authorizations signed by installation commanders or military judges will not be used to gain access to financial records from financial institutions in any State or territory of the United States.

*d.* Access to financial records maintained by military banking contractors in overseas areas or by other financial institutions located on DOD installations outside the United States, Puerto Rico, The District of Columbia, Guam, American Samoa, or the Virgin Islands is preferably obtained by customer consent.

- (1) In cases where it would not be appropriate to obtain this

consent or such consent is refused and the financial institution is not otherwise willing to provide access to its records, the law enforcement activity may seek access by use of a search authorization. This authorization must be prepared and issued per AR 27-10.

(2) Information obtained under this paragraph should be properly identified as financial information. It should be transferred only where an official need-to-know exists. Failure to do so, however, does not render the information inadmissible in courts-martial or other proceedings.

(3) Law enforcement activities seeking access to financial records maintained by all other financial institutions overseas will comply with local foreign statutes or procedures governing such access.

### 2-5. Judicial subpoena

Judicial subpoena—

*a.* Are those subpoenas issued in connection with a pending judicial proceeding.

*b.* Include subpoenas issued under paragraph 115 of the Manual for Courts-Martial and Article 46 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The servicing staff judge advocate will be consulted on the availability and use of judicial subpoenas. The notice and challenge provisions of 12 USC 3407 and 3410 will be followed.

### 2-6. Formal written request

*a.* A law enforcement office may formally request financial records when the records are relevant to a legitimate law enforcement inquiry. This request may be issued only if—

- (1) The customer has declined to consent to the disclosure of his or her records, or
  - (2) Seeking consent from the customer would compromise or harmfully delay a legitimate law enforcement inquiry.
- b.* A formal written request will be a format set forth in appendix D and will—
- (1) State that the request is issued under the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 and this regulation.
  - (2) Describe the specific records to be examined.
  - (3) State that access is sought in connection with a legitimate law enforcement inquiry.
  - (4) Describe the nature of the inquiry.
  - (5) Be signed by the head of the law enforcement office or a designee (persons specified in para 1-5b).

*c.* At the same time or before a formal written request is issued to a financial institution, a copy of the request will be personally served upon or mailed to the customer's last known address unless a delay of customer notice has been obtained under paragraph 2-9. The notice to the customer will be—

- (1) In a format similar to appendix E.
- (2) Personally served at least 14 days or mailed at least 18 days before the date on which access is sought.

*d.* The official who signs the customer notice is designated to receive any challenge from the customer.

*e.* The customer will have 14 days to challenge a notice request when personal service is made, and 18 days when service is by mail.

*f.* The head of the law enforcement office initiating the formal written request will set up procedures to insure that no access to financial records is attempted before expiration of the above time periods—

- (1) While awaiting receipt of a potential customer challenge, or
- (2) While awaiting the filing of an application for an injunction by the customer.

*g.* Proper preparation of the formal written request and notice to the customer requires preparation of motion papers and a statement suitable for court filing by the customer. Accordingly, the law enforcement office intending to initiate a formal written request will coordinate preparation of the request, the notice, motion papers, and sworn statement with the supporting staff judge advocate. These documents are required by statute; their preparation cannot be waived.

*h.* The supporting staff judge advocate is responsible for liaison with the proper United States Attorney and United States District

Court. The requesting official will coordinate with the supporting staff judge advocate to determine whether the customer has filed a motion to prevent disclosure of the financial records within the prescribed time limits.

*i.* The head of the law enforcement office (para 2–6b(5)) will certify in writing (see app C) to the financial institution that such office has complied with the requirements of 12 U.S.C. 3401 et seq—

(1) When a customer fails to file a challenge to access to financial records within the above time periods, or

(2) When a challenge is adjudicated in favor of the law enforcement office.

No access to any financial records will be made before such certification is given.

## 2–7. Emergency access

*a.* In some cases, the requesting law enforcement office may determine that a delay in obtaining access would create an imminent danger of—

- (1) Physical injury to a person,
- (2) Serious property damage, or
- (3) Flight to avoid prosecution.

Paragraphs *b* and *c* below provide for emergency access in such cases of imminent danger. (No other procedures in this regulation apply to such emergency access.)

*b.* When emergency access is made to financial records, the requesting official (para 1–5) will—

(1) Certify in writing (in a format similar to that in app C) to the financial institution that the provisions of 12 U.S.C. 3401 et seq. have been complied with as prerequisite to obtaining access.

(2) File with the proper court a signed, sworn statement setting forth the grounds for the emergency access within 5 days of obtaining access to financial records.

*c.* After filing of the signed, sworn statement, the official who has obtained access to financial records under this paragraph will—

(1) Personally serve or mail to the customer a copy of the request to the financial institution and the following notice, unless a delay of notice has been obtained under paragraph 2–9:

“Records concerning your transactions held by the financial institution named in the attached request were obtained by (office/agency/unit) under the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 on (date) for the following purpose: (state with reasonable detail the nature of the law enforcement inquiry). Emergency access to such records was obtained on the grounds that (state grounds).”

(2) Insure that mailings under this paragraph will be by certified or registered mail to the last known address of the customer.

*d.* The annual reporting requirements of paragraph 2–13 apply to any request for access under this paragraph.

## 2–8. Release of information obtained from financial institutions

*a. Records notice.* Financial records, to include derived information, obtained under 12 U.S.C. 3401 et seq. will be marked as follows:

“This record was obtained pursuant to the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, 12 U.S.C., 3401 et seq., and may not be transferred to another Federal agency or department outside DOD without prior compliance with the transferring requirements of 12 U.S.C. 3412.”

*b. Records transfer.*

(1) Financial records originally obtained under this regulation will not be transferred to another agency or department outside the DOD unless the transferring law enforcement office certifies their

relevance in writing. Certification will state that there is reason to believe that the records are relevant to a legitimate law enforcement inquiry within the jurisdiction of the receiving agency or department. To support this certification, the transferring office may require that the requesting agency submit adequate justification for its request. File a copy of this certification with a copy of the released records.

(2) Unless a delay of customer notice has been obtained (para 2–9), the transferring law enforcement office will, within 14 days, personally serve or mail the following to the customer at his or her last known address:

(a) A copy of the certification made according to (1) above.

(b) The following notice, which will state the nature of the law enforcement inquiry with reasonable detail:

“Copies of, or information contained in, your financial records lawfully in possession of the Department of the Army have been furnished to (state the receiving agency or department) pursuant to the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 for (state the purpose). If you believe that this transfer has not been made to further a legitimate law enforcement inquiry, you may have legal rights under the Financial Privacy Act of 1978 or the Privacy Act of 1974.”

(3) If a request for release of information is from a Federal agency authorized to conduct foreign intelligence or foreign counterintelligence activities (Executive Order 12036) and is for purposes of conducting such activities by these agencies, the information will be released without notifying the customer, unless permission to provide notification is given in writing by the requesting agency.

(4) Financial information obtained before the effective date of the Financial Privacy Act of 1978 (10 March 1978) may continue to be provided to other agencies according to existing procedures, to include applicable Privacy Act System Notices published in AR 340–21 series.

*c. Precautionary measures.* Whenever financial data obtained under this regulation are incorporated into a report of investigation or other correspondences, precautions must be taken to insure that—

(1) The report or correspondence is not distributed outside of DOD except in compliance with *b* above.

(2) The report or other correspondence contains the following warning restriction on the first page or cover:

“Some of the information contained herein (cite specific paragraphs) is financial record information which was obtained pursuant to the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, 12 U.S.C. 3401 et seq. This information may not be released to another Federal agency or department outside the DOD without compliance with the specific requirements of 12 U.S.C. 3412 and AR 190–6.”

## 2–9. Delay of customer notice procedures

*a. Length of delay.* The customer notice required by formal written request (para 2–6c), emergency access (para 2–7c), and release of information (para 2–8b(2)) may be delayed for successive periods of 90 days. The notice required for search warrant (para 2–4b) may be delayed for one period of 180 days and successive periods of 90 days.

*b. Conditions for delay.* A delay of notice may be granted only by a court of competent jurisdiction. This will be done when not granting a delay in serving the notice would result in—

- (1) Endangering the life or physical safety of any person.
- (2) Flight from prosecution.
- (3) Destruction of or tampering with evidence.
- (4) Intimidation of potential witnesses.

(5) Otherwise seriously jeopardizing an investigation or official proceeding or unduly delaying a trial or ongoing official proceeding to the same degree as the circumstances in (1) through (4) above.

*c. Coordination.* When a delay of notice is appropriate, the law

enforcement office involved will consult with the supporting staff judge advocate to obtain such a delay. Applications for delay of notice should contain reasonable detail.

*d. After delay expiration.* Upon the expiration of a delay of notice under *a* above and required by—

(1) Paragraph 2-4*b*, the law enforcement office obtaining financial records will mail to the customer a copy of the search warrant and the following notice:

“Records or information concerning your transactions held by the financial institution named in the attached search warrant were obtained by this (agency or office) on (date). Notification was delayed beyond the statutory 90-day delay period pursuant to a determination by the court that such notice would seriously jeopardize an investigation concerning (state with reasonable detail). You may have rights under the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978.”

(2) Paragraph 2-6*c*, the law enforcement office obtaining financial records will serve personally or mail to the customer a copy of the process or request and the following notice:

“Records or information concerning your transactions which are held by the financial institution named in the attached process or request were supplied to or requested by the Government authority named in the process or request on (date). Notification was withheld pursuant to a determination by the (title of the court so ordering) under the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 that such notice might (state reason.) The purpose of the investigation or official proceeding was (state purpose with reasonable detail).”

(3) Paragraph 2-7*c*, the law enforcement office obtaining financial records will serve personally or mail to the customer a copy of the request and the notice required by paragraph 2-7*c*.

(4) Paragraph 2-8*b*, the law enforcement office transferring financial records will serve personally or mail to the customer the notice required by paragraph 2-8*b*(2). If the law enforcement office was responsible for obtaining the court order authorizing the delay, such office shall also serve personally or by mail to the customer the notice required in paragraph 2-6*c*.

*e. Annual report.* The annual reporting requirements of paragraph 2-13 apply to delays of notice sought or granted under this paragraph.

## **2-10. Foreign intelligence and foreign counterintelligence activities**

*a.* Except as indicated below, nothing in this regulation applied to requests for financial information in connection with authorized foreign intelligence and foreign counterintelligence activities as defined in Executive Order 12036. Appropriate foreign intelligence and counterintelligence directives should be consulted in these instances.

*b.* However, to comply with the Financial Privacy Act of 1978, the following guidance will be followed for such requests. When a request for financial records is made—

(1) A military intelligence group commander, the chief of an investigative control office, or the Commanding General (CG) (or Deputy CG), US Army Intelligence and Security Command will certify to the financial institution that the requesting activity has complied with the provisions of 12 U.S.C. 3403(b).

(2) The requesting office will notify the financial institution from which records are sought that 12 U.S.C. 3414(a)(3) prohibits disclosure to any person by the institution, its agents, or employees that financial records have been sought or obtained.

*c.* The annual reporting requirements shown in paragraph 2-13 apply to any request for access under this paragraph.

## **2-11. Certification**

A certificate of compliance with the Right to Financial Privacy Act

of 1978 (app C) will be provided to the financial institution as a prerequisite to obtaining access to financial records under the following access procedures:

*a.* Customer consent (para 2-2).

*b.* Search warrant (para 2-4).

*c.* Judicial subpoena (para 2-5).

*d.* Formal written request (para 2-6).

*e.* Emergency access (para 2-7).

*f.* Foreign intelligence and foreign counterintelligence activities (para 2-10).

## **2-12. Penalties**

Obtaining or disclosing financial records or financial information on a customer from a financial institution in violation of the act or this regulation may subject the Army to payment of civil penalties, actual damages, punitive damages as the court may allow, and cost with reasonable attorney fees. Military and civilian personnel who willfully or intentionally violate the act or this regulation may be subject to disciplinary action.

## **2-13. Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 Annual Report (RCS DD-COMP(A) 1538)**

*a.* Major Army commanders will submit this report to HQDA (DAPE-HRE) concerning requests for financial information from financial institutions. Reports are to include all queries requested or information obtained under the provisions of this regulation by subordinate Army law enforcement offices (as defined in para 1-3*f*). Negative reports will be submitted.

*b.* This report is to arrive at HQDA(DAPE-HRE), WASH DC 20310, not later than 1 February following the calendar year period.

*c.* The annual report will contain the number of—

(1) Requests for access to financial institutions, specifying the types of access and any other information deemed relevant or useful.

(2) Customer challenges to access and whether they were successful.

(3) Transfers to agencies outside of the DOD of information obtained under this regulation.

(4) Customer challenges to the transfer of information and whether they were successful.

(5) Applications for delay of notice, the number granted, and the names of the officials requesting such delays.

(6) Delay of notice extensions sought and the number granted.

(7) Refusals by financial institutions to grant access, by category of authorization, such as customer consent or formal written request.

*d.* A consolidated Army report will be submitted by HQDA (DAPE-HRE) to the Defence Privacy Board, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Administration), by 15 February each year.



**Appendix A  
Request for Basic Identifying Account Data—  
Sample Format**

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*(Official Letterhead)*

*(Date)*

Mr./Mrs. XXXXXXXXXXXX  
Chief Teller *(as appropriate)*  
First National Bank  
Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Mr./Mrs. XXXXXXXXXXXX

In connection with a legitimate law enforcement inquiry and pursuant to section 3414(g) of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, Section 3401 et seq., Title 12, United States Code, you are requested to provide the following account information: (name, address, account number, and type of account of any customer or ascertainable group of customers associated with a certain financial transaction or class of financial transactions as set forth in paragraph 1–6).

I hereby certify, pursuant to section 3403(b) of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, that the provisions of the Act have been complied with as to this request for account information.

*(Official Signature Block)*

Under section 3417(c) of the Act, good faith reliance upon this certification relieves your institution and its employees and agents of any possible liability to the subject in connection with the disclosure of the requested financial records.

**Figure 1.**

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**Appendix B  
Customer Consent and Authorization for Access—  
Sample Format**

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Pursuant to section 3404(a) of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, I, *(name of customer)*, having read the explanation of my rights on the reverse side, hereby authorize the *(name and address of financial institution)* to disclose these financial records: *(list of particular financial records)* to *(Army law enforcement office)* for the following purposes(s): *(specify the purpose(s))*.

I understand that this authorization may be revoked by me in writing at any time before my records, as described above, are disclosed, and that this authorization is valid for no more than 3 months from the date of my signature.

Date:...

Signature:...

*(typed name)*

*(mailing address of customer)*

Figure 2.

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## STATEMENT OF CUSTOMER RIGHTS UNDER THE RIGHT TO FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT OF 1978

Federal law protects the privacy of your financial records. Before banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions, credit card issuers, or other financial institutions may give financial information about you to a Federal agency, certain procedures must be followed.

### CONSENT TO FINANCIAL RECORDS

You may be asked to consent to the financial institution making your financial records available to the Government. You may withhold your consent, and your consent is not required as a condition of doing business with any financial institution. If you give your consent, it can be revoked in writing at any time before your records are disclosed. Furthermore, any consent you give is effective for only 3 months and your financial institution must keep a record of the instances in which it discloses your financial information.

### WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT

Without your consent, a Federal agency that wants to see your financial records may do so ordinarily only by means of a lawful subpoena, summons, formal written request, or search warrant for that purpose. Generally, the Federal agency must give you advance notice of its request for your records, explaining why the information is being sought and telling you how to object in court. The Federal agency must also send you copies of court documents to be prepared by you with instructions for filling them out. While these procedures will be kept as simple as possible, you may want to consult an attorney before making a challenge to a Federal agency's request.

### EXCEPTIONS

In some circumstances, a Federal agency may obtain financial information about you without advance notice or your consent. In most of these cases, the Federal agency will be required to go to court for permission to obtain your records without giving you notice beforehand. In these instances, the court will make the Government show that its investigation and request for your records are proper. When the reason for the delay of notice no longer exists, you will usually be notified that your records were obtained.

### TRANSFER OF INFORMATION

Generally, a Federal agency that obtains your financial records is prohibited from transferring them to another Federal agency unless it certifies in writing the transfer is proper and sends a notice to you that your records have been sent to another agency.

### PENALTIES

If the Federal agency or financial institution violates the Right to Financial Privacy Act, you may sue for damages or seek compliance with the law. If you win, you may be repaid your attorney's fees and costs.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have any questions about your rights under this law, or about how to consent to release your financial records, please call the official whose name and telephone number appears below:

*...(Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial (Title) (Area Code) (Telephone Number)...*

*...(Component activity, address)...*

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Figure 3. STATEMENT OF CUSTOMER RIGHTS UNDER THE RIGHT TO FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT OF 1978

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**Appendix C  
Certificate of Compliance With the Right to Financial  
Privacy Act of 1978—Sample Format**

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*(Official Letterhead)*

*(Date)*

Mr./Mrs. XXXXXXXXXXXX  
Manager  
Army Federal Credit Union  
Fort Ord, CA 93941  
Dear Mr./Mrs. XXXXXXXXXXXX

I certify, pursuant to section 3403(b) of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, Section 3401 et seq., Title 12, United States Code, that the applicable provisions of that statute have been complied with as to the (customer's consent, search warrant or judicial subpoena, formal written request, emergency access, as applicable) presented on (date), for the following financial records of *(customer's name)*:

*(Describe the specific records.)*

*(Official Signature Block)*

Pursuant to section 3417(c) of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, good faith reliance upon this certificate relieves your institution and its employees and agents of any possible liability to the customer in connection with the disclosure of these financial records.

**Figure 4.**

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**Appendix D**  
**Formal Written Request for Access—Sample Format**

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*(Official Letterhead)*

*(date)*

Mr./Mrs. XXXXXXXXXXXX  
President *(as appropriate)*  
City National Bank and Trust Company  
Altoona, PA 16602

Dear Mr./Mrs. XXXXXXXXXXXX

In connection with a legitimate law enforcement inquiry and pursuant to section 3402(5) and section 3408 of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, Section 3401 et seq., Title 12, United States Code, and Army Regulation 190–6, you are requested to provide the following account information pertaining to (identify customer):

*(Describe the specific records to be examined.)*

The Army has no authority to issue an administrative summons or subpoena for access to these financial records which are required for *(describe the nature or purpose of the inquiry)*.

A copy of this request was *(personally served upon or mailed to)* the subject on *(date)* who has (10 or 14) days in which to challenge this request by filing an application in an appropriate United States district court if the subject desires to do so.

Upon expiration of the above mentioned time period and in the absence of any filing or challenge by the subject, you will be furnished a certification certifying in writing that the applicable provisions of the Act have been complied with prior to obtaining the requested records. Upon your receipt of a Certificate of Compliance with the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, you will be relieved of any possible liability to the subject in connection with the disclosure of the requested financial records.

*(Official Signature Block)*

**Figure 5.**

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**Appendix E  
Customer Notice of Formal Written Request—  
Sample Format**

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*(Official Letterhead)*

*(date)*

Mr./Mrs. XXXXX X. XXXXX  
1500 N. Main Street  
Washington, DC 20314

Dear Mr./Mrs. XXXXX:

Information or records concerning your transactions held by the financial institution named in the attached request are being sought by the (agency/department) in accordance with the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, Section 3401 et seq., Title 12, United States Code, and Army Regulation 190-6, for the following purpose(s):

*(List the purpose(s).)*

If you desire that such records or information not be made available you, must do the following:

- a. Fill out the accompanying motion paper and sworn statement or write one of your own—
  - (1) Stating that you are the customer whose records are being requested by the Government.
  - (2) Giving the reasons you believe that the records are not relevant or any other legal basis for objecting to the release of the records.
- b. File the motion and statement by mailing or delivering them to the clerk of any one of the following United States District Courts:

*(List applicable courts.)*

- c. Mail or deliver a copy of your motion and statement to the requesting authority: *(give title and address)*.
- d. Be prepared to come to court and present your position in further detail.

You do not need to have a lawyer, although you may wish to employ one to represent you and protect your rights.

If you do not follow the above procedures, upon the expiration of (10 days from the date of personal service) (14 days from the date of mailing) of this notice, the records or information requested therein may be made available.

These records may be transferred to other Government authorities for legitimate law enforcement inquiries, in which event you will be notified after the transfer if such transfer is made.

3 Inclosures (see para 2-6g)

*(signature)*

1. Copy of request
2. Motion papers
3. Sworn statement

*(name and title of official)*  
*(Army law enforcement office)*  
*(telephone)*

**Figure 6.**

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