

**VOLUME 7B, CHAPTER 18: “RELEASE OF INFORMATION”****SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES**

All changes are denoted by **blue font**.

Substantive revisions are denoted by an \* symbol preceding the section, paragraph, table, or figure that includes the revision.

Unless otherwise noted, chapters referenced are contained in this volume.

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The previous version dated June 2011 is archived.

<b>PARAGRAPH</b>	<b>EXPLANATION OF CHANGE/REVISION</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>
All	Updated hyperlinks and formatted to comply with current administrative instructions.	Updated
1801	Referenced Department of Defense (DoD) Directive 5400.07 and DoD 5400.07-R.	Add
1802	Referenced DoD Directive 5400.11 and DoD 5400.11-R.	Add
Bibliography	Updated Bibliography with references cited in Sections 1801 and 1802.	Updated

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## \*1801 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Public Law 89-554, enacted September 6, 1966, commonly known as the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), [Title 5, United States Code \(U.S.C.\), section 552](#), as amended, was enacted with the intent of having openness in government and making information available to the public. [Department of Defense \(DoD\) 5400.7-R](#), “DoD Freedom of Information Act Program,” September 4, 1998, as amended, was reissued under the authority of [DoD Directive 5400.07](#), “DoD Freedom of Information Act Program,” January 2, 2008. It provides guidance on [5 U.S.C. 552](#), as amended, and prescribes uniform policies and procedures for the DoD implementation of the FOIA.

## \*1802 PRIVACY ACT

[Public Law 93-579](#), enacted December 31, 1974, commonly known as the Privacy Act of 1974, [5 U.S.C. 552a](#), as amended, was enacted to safeguard individual privacy by governing the collection, safeguarding, maintenance, public notice, use, access, amendment, and dissemination of personal information. [DoD 5400.11-R](#), “DoD Privacy Program,” May 14, 2007 was reissued under the authority of [DoD Directive 5400.11](#), “DoD Privacy Program,” May 8, 2007. It provides guidance on [5 U.S.C. 552a](#), as amended, and prescribes uniform procedures for implementation of the DoD Privacy Program.

## 1803 ADMINISTRATION

Administration of the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act must be in accordance with the following:

A. For Army refer to [Army Regulation \(AR\) 25-55](#), [AR 340-21](#), and [32 Code of Federal Regulation, Part 518](#).

B. For Air Force refer to Air Force Document (AFD) 070702-060, [DoD 5400.7-R Air Force Manual \(AFMAN\) 33-302](#), and [Air Force Instruction \(AFI\) 33-332](#).

C. For Navy refer to [Secretary of the Navy Instructions \(SECNAVINST\) 5720.42F](#) and [SECNAVINST 5211.5E](#).

D. For Marine Corps refer to [SECNAVINST 5720.42F](#).

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## 1801 – FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

- 1801      Public Law 89-554  
              Sep 6, 1966  
              Public Law 90-23,  
              June 5, 1967  
              Public Law 93-502,  
              Nov 21, 1974  
              Public Law 94-409,  
              Sep 13, 1976  
              Public Law 95-454,  
              Oct 13, 1978  
              Public Law 98-620,  
              Nov 8, 1984  
              5 U.S.C. 552, as enacted by PL 89-554,  
              thereafter, amended by PL 90-23  
              PL 93-502, PL 94-409, PL 95-454,  
              and PL 98-620.  
              [DoDD 5400.07, January 2, 2008](#)  
              [DoD 5400.7-R, September 4, 1998](#)

## 1802 – PRIVACY ACT

- 1802      Public Law 93-579,  
              Dec 31, 1974  
              5 U.S.C. 552a, as amended.  
              [DoD 5400.11, May 8, 2007](#)  
              [DoDD 5400.11-R, May 14, 2007](#)