ideas which have not become part of

the body of public information.

d) This section does not preclude an

employee from:

(1) Participation in the activities of

national or State political parties not

proscribed by law.

(2) Participation in the affairs of, or

acceptance of, an award for a meri-
torious public contribution or achieve-
mment given by a charitable, religious,
professional, social, fraternal, non-
profit educational and recreational,
public service, or civic organization.


(a) An employee shall not:

(1) Have a direct or indirect financial

interest that conflicts substantially, or

appears to conflict substantially, with

his Government duties or responsibil-

ities; or

(2) Engage in, directly or indirectly,

a financial transaction as a result of,

or primarily relying on, information

obtained through his Government em-

ployment.

(b) This section does not preclude an

employee from having a financial in-

terest or engaging in financial trans-

actions to the same extent as a private

citizen not employed by the Govern-

ment so long as it is not prohibited by

law, the Executive order, or this part.

(c) Pursuant to the authority con-
tained in 18 U.S.C. 208(b), the following

types of financial interests are consid-
ered too remote or inconsequential to

affect a Commission employee’s integ-
rity or services and do not constitute a

conflict of interest under 18 U.S.C.

208(a):

(1) In widely-held, diversified mutual

funds or regulated investment compa-
nies, regardless of their value; and

(2) In state or local government

bonds, or other noncorporate bonds, re-
gardless of their value.

§ 200.735–108 Use of Government prop-

erty.

An employee shall not directly or in-
directly use, or allow the use of, Gov-
ernment property of any kind, includ-
ing property leased to the Government,

for other than officially approved ac-
tivities. An employee has a positive
duty to protect and conserve Govern-
ment property, including equipment,

supplies, and other property issued to

him.


For the purpose of furthering a pri-
ivate interest, an employee shall not,
except as provided in §200.735–106(c), di-
rectly or indirectly use, or allow the
use of, official information obtained
through or in connection with his Gov-
ernment employment which has not
been made available to the general
public.

§ 200.735–110 Indebtedness.

An employee shall pay each just fi-
nancial obligation in a proper and
timely manner, especially one imposed
by law such as Federal, State or local
taxes. For the purpose of this section a
just financial obligation means one ac-
knowledged by the employee or re-
duced to judgment by a court, and in a
proper and timely manner means in a
manner which the Commission deter-
mines does not, under the cir-
cumstances, reflect adversely on the
Government as his employer. In the
event of a dispute between an employee
and an alleged creditor, the Commis-
sion shall make no determination of
the validity or amount of the disputed
debt.

§ 200.735–111 Gambling, betting, and

lotteries.

An employee shall not participate,
while on Government-owned or leased
property or while on duty for the Gov-
ernment, in any gambling activity in-
cluding the operation of a gambling de-
vice, in conducting a lottery or pool, in
a game for money or property, or in
selling or purchasing a numbers slip or
ticket. However, this section does not
preclude activities:

(a) Necessitated by an employee’s law
enforcement duties; or

(b) Under section 3 of Executive
Order 10927 and similar Commission-ap-
proved activities.