

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 fee 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)

APPENDIX C TO PART 504—CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE RIGHT TO FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT OF 1978—SAMPLE FORMAT

(Official Letterhead)

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

Dear Mr./Mrs.: 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.

APPENDIX D TO PART 504—FORMAL WRITTEN REQUEST FOR ACCESS—SAMPLE FORMAT

(Official Letterhead)

(Date)
Mr./Mrs.

President (as appropriate), City National Bank and Trust Company, Altoona, PA 16602.

Dear Mr./Mrs.: 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)