§ 8.11 Records.
(a) The records of an advisory committee consist of all papers and documents which are prepared for or by and/or made available to the committee, and are maintained by the office responsible for the committee. Such records are *inter alia* agenda, drafts, minutes, notices, press releases, reports, studies, transcripts, and working papers.
(b) The Advisory Committee Management Officer maintains the Department’s official records relating to the management of all committees.

§ 8.12 Financial records.
Accurate records will be kept by the responsible committee office of all operating and salary costs of a committee. (See instruction item 17 on SF–248.)

§ 8.13 Availability of records.
The records of a committee are to be made available upon request in accordance with the Department’s regulations promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (40 FEDERAL REGISTER 7256–7529, February 19, 1975).

§ 8.14 Public inquiries.
Public inquiries concerning the implementation of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the management of the advisory committees of the Department should be addressed to the Advisory Committee Management Officer, Management Systems Staff, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520.

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§ 9.1 Basis.

§ 9.2 Objective.
The objective of the Department’s classification program is to ensure that national security information is protected from unauthorized disclosure, but only to the extent and for such a period as is necessary.

§ 9.3 Senior agency official.
The Executive Order requires that each agency that originates or handles classified information designate a senior agency official to direct and administer its information security program. The Department’s senior agency official is the Under Secretary of State for Management. The senior agency official is assisted in carrying out the provisions of the Executive Order and the Department’s information security program by the Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security, the Assistant Secretary for Administration, and the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Information Sharing Services.

§ 9.4 Original classification.
(a) **Definition.** Original classification is the initial determination that certain information requires protection against unauthorized disclosure in the interest of national security (i.e., national defense or foreign relations of the United States), together with a designation of the level of classification.