

as those employees of a NASA contractor with responsibilities for maintaining a Privacy Act system of records.

(b) Section 552a(i)(3). Any person who knowingly and willfully requests or obtains any record concerning an individual from an agency under false pretenses shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000.

PART 1213—RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO NEWS AND INFORMATION MEDIA

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§ 1213.100 Scope.

This part 1213 sets forth the policy governing the release of information in any form to news and information media. Not included is the release of scientific and technical information to scientific and technical journals and audiences.

§ 1213.101 Policy.

(a) Consistent with NASA statutory responsibility, NASA will " * * * provide for the widest practicable and appropriate dissemination of information concerning its activities and the results thereof, * * * "

(b) Release of information concerning NASA activities and the results will be made promptly, factually and completely. Exceptions include that information which may be exempt from disclosure under the "Freedom of Information Act" (5 U.S.C. 552, as amended) (14 CFR part 1212). For classified DoD missions on the National Space Transportation System (NSTS), release of information concerning NASA activi-

ties will be restricted by the STS Security Classification Guide. In addition, information concerning the survivability/vulnerability of the NSTS may be classified for all NSTS operations.

(c) NASA will respond promptly to queries from the information media and industry, and cooperate with contractors in their release of NASA related informational material including advertising.

(d) NASA officials may participate in interviews and speak for the Agency in areas of their assigned responsibility.

§ 1213.102 Responsibility.

(a) The Associate Administrator for Public Affairs is responsible for the development and overall administration of an integrated Agencywide communications program and determines whether the specific information is to be released. The Associate Administrator for Public Affairs will:

(1) Direct and coordinate all Headquarters and agencywide public information activities.

(2) Direct and coordinate all agencywide news-oriented audiovisual activities.

(b) In accordance with § 1213.104, the Public Affairs Officers assigned to Headquarters Program and Staff Offices are responsible for developing plans and coordinating all public information activities covering their respective programs at Headquarters and in the field.

(c) In accordance with § 1213.104, Directors of Field Installations, through their Public Affairs Officers, are responsible for initiating and obtaining concurrences for information programs and public releases issued by their respective installation and component installations.

(d) The requirements of this section do not apply to the Office of Inspector General (IG) regarding IG activities.

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§ 1213.103 Procedures for issuance of news releases.

(a) All Headquarters news releases will be issued by the Office of Public Affairs, Media Services Division.

(b) Directors of Field Installations, through their Public Affairs Officer,