

1969 addendum to the 1968 Diplomatic Notes is also being honored.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority

This statement amends part T of the Statement of the Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority, which covers the Social Security Administration (SSA). Chapter TE covers the Deputy Commissioner for Communications. Notice is given that Chapter TE, the Office of Communications is being amended to reflect the establishment of subordinate components within the Office of External Affairs (TEG) and the abolishment of the Office of National Affairs (TEE).

The changes are as follows:

Section TE.10 *Office of Communications—(Organization):*

Delete:

F. The Office of National Affairs (TEE).

Reletter:

“G” to “F”.

F. The Office of External Affairs (TEG).

Establish:

1. The Office of National Communications (TEGA).

2. The Office of Regional Communications and Community Affairs (TEGB).

Section TE.20 *The Office of Communications—(Functions):*

Delete:

F. The Office of National Affairs (TEE) in its entirety.

Reletter:

“G” to “F”.

F. The Office of External Affairs (TEG).

Establish:

1. The Office of National Communications (TEGA).

a. Oversees the monitoring of plans, administrative and policy proposals,

and work products of other SSA components in headquarters and the regions to assess their impact on institutions, public and private organizations and special interest groups.

b. Initiates short- and long-range projects or assignments of substantial importance to the Office of Communications. The projects are initiated to solve problems resulting from adverse impacts of SSA programs and program service delivery on special groups or the general public.

c. Provides leadership in advising agency component management on the interests of groups and organizations and their potential reaction to administrative and policy proposals and work products.

d. Identifies techniques and strategies that assist in implementing SSA's Communication Plan initiatives; analyzes and identifies target markets; plans, promotes, and distributes ideas, products and services to create exchanges that satisfy customer and organizational goals.

e. Plans, directs and implements a program designed to develop and preserve working relationships with a wide variety of national organizations, special interests and advocacy groups in order to secure understanding, cooperation and acceptance of SSA programs, policies and procedures.

f. Provides overall direction in the development of a liaison program with national special interest and advocacy groups through their leaders to elicit their concerns and reactions to SSA initiatives.

2. The Office of Regional Communications and Community Affairs (TEGB).

a. Directs the design and development of SSA's regional external affairs program, including liaison with outside groups and organizations; Federal/State interface; and preparation and dissemination of information through the media.

b. Develops national communication strategies for use in disseminating information through the ten Regional Public Affairs Officers (RPAO) who report to the Office Director. Assures that field office and other personnel in the regions speak with one voice on matters related to public affairs.

c. Serves as SSA liaison to the greater Baltimore community through contacts with community leaders, private businesses and local government agencies and ensuring that their opinions and expectations are relayed to the Agency. Represents SSA on boards of Federal and local agencies, and communicates with the appropriate

offices of major businesses, the Mayor, County Executives and the Governor.

d. Develops and implements plans for expansion of a model community relations program which involves White House and Domestic Policy Council issues.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2864]

Bureau of Consular Affairs; Registration for the Diversity Immigrant (DV-2000) Visa Program

ACTION: Notice of registration for the sixth year of the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program.

This public notice provides information on the procedures for obtaining an opportunity to apply for one of the 50,000 immigrant visas to be made available in the Diversity Immigrant Visa (DV) category during Fiscal Year 2000. (Note: The Nicaraguan and Central American Relief Act (NCARA) passed by Congress in November 1997 stipulates that beginning with DV-99, and for as long as necessary, 5,000 annually-allocated diversity visas will be made available for use under the NCARA Program). This notice is issued pursuant to 22 CFR 42.33(b)(2) which implements Sections 201(a)(3), 201(e), 203(c) and 204(a)(1)(G) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, (8 U.S.C. 1151, 1153, and 1154(a)(1)(G)). The Department published regulations related to this Notice in the **Federal Register** on March 31, 1994 (59 FR 15303) and on January 22, 1996 (61 FR 1523).

Entry Procedures for the 50,000 Immigrant Visas To Be Made Available in the DV Category During Fiscal Year 2000.

Entries for the DV-2000 mail-in period must be received between noon (Eastern time) on Thursday, October 1, 1998 and noon (Eastern time) on Saturday, October 31, 1998. Entries received before or after these dates will be disqualified regardless of when they are postmarked. Entries sent to an incorrect address will also be disqualified.

How Visas Are Apportioned

Visas are apportioned among six geographic regions with a greater number of visas going to regions with