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Statutes Found to Qualify Under Exemption 3 of the FOIA

Exemption 3 of the Freedom of Information Act incorporates certain nondisclosure provisions contained in federal statutes other than the FOIA. To assist agencies in properly processing FOIA requests and in preparing their Annual FOIA Reports, the Office of Information Policy has compiled a list of statutes currently in effect that courts have found to qualify as Exemption 3 statutes. This chart does not include statutes that have been found not to qualify under Exemption 3, nor does it include any statute which has not yet been considered by a court as a possible Exemption 3 statute. In addition, on occasion, a statutory provision has been found to qualify under Exemption 3 by one court and found not to qualify by another. Those statutes are marked with asterisks. Generally, to determine which cases are listed, if there is a Supreme Court case that determines a statute qualifies as an Exemption 3 statute, that will be the only case listed. If there is no Supreme Court case, but circuit court cases exist, the circuit court cases will be listed. If there is no circuit court case for a particular circuit, multiple district court cases from within that same circuit may be listed. OIP maintains copies of listed unpublished decisions. If you need a copy, please contact OIP's FOIA Counselor of the Day at OIP.FOIAcounselor@usdoj.gov.

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5 U.S.C. §§ 7114(b)(4), 7132 (Civil Service Reform Act)	Certain labor relations training and guidance materials	<u>Am. Fed'n of Gov't Emps. v. SSA</u> , No. 23-03595, 2026 WL 890526, at * 5 (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 31, 2026); <u>Dubin v. Dep't of Treasury</u> , 555 F. Supp. 408, 412 (N.D. Ga. 1981) (5 U.S.C. § 7114(b)(4)), <u>aff'd</u> , 697 F.2d 1093 (11th Cir. 1983) (unpublished table decision); <u>NTEU v. OPM</u> , No. 79-695, slip op. at 3-4 (D.D.C. July 9, 1979) (5 U.S.C. § 7114(b)(4) and 5 U.S.C. § 7132).
5 U.S.C. § 407 (formerly at 5 U.S.C. app. 3 § 7(b)) (Inspector General Act)	Names of employees who provide information or complaints to the Inspector General	<u>Wash. Post Co. v. Special Inspector Gen. for Afg. Reconstr.</u> , 486 F. Supp. 3d 141, 166 (D.D.C. 2020).

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5 U.S.C. § 13109(a)(2) (formerly at 5 U.S.C. app. 4 § 107(a)(2)) (Ethics in Government Act)	Confidential financial disclosure report pertaining to certain government employees	<u>Meyerhoff v. EPA</u> , 958 F.2d 1498, 1500-02 (9th Cir. 1992); <u>Boyd v. Exec. Off. for U.S. Att’ys</u> , 161 F. Supp. 3d 1, 7 (D.D.C. 2015); <u>Seife v. NIH</u> , 874 F. Supp. 2d 248, 254 (S.D.N.Y. 2012).
7 U.S.C. § 12(a)(1) (Commodity Exchange Act)	“[D]ata and information that would separately disclose the business transactions or market positions of any person and trade secrets or names of customers,” as well as certain other information concerning, or obtained in, the course of the Commission’s investigation under the Commodity Exchange Act”	<u>Hunt v. Commodity Futures Trading Comm’n</u> , 484 F. Supp. 47, 49 (D.D.C. 1979).
*7 U.S.C. § 136i-1(b) (Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act)	“[D]ata, including the location from which the data was derived, that would directly or indirectly reveal the identity of individual producers [of certain pesticides]”	<u>Doe v. Veneman</u> , 380 F.3d 807, 817 (5th Cir. 2004).
7 U.S.C. § 1502(c)(1) (Federal Crop Insurance Act)	Certain information furnished by a producer under the Federal Crop Insurance Act	<u>Bush v. U.S. Dep’t of Agric.</u> , No. 16-4128, 2017 WL 3568672, at *7 (N.D. Iowa Aug. 17, 2017).
7 U.S.C. § 2018(c)	Information obtained pursuant to chapter 51 of title 7 of the United States Code, which concerns the handling of information submitted by applicants to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	<u>Argus Leader Media v. USDA</u> , 740 F.3d 1172, 1175-76 (8th Cir. 2014).

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7 U.S.C. § 2276(a)(2) (Food Security Act of 1985)	“[I]nformation furnished under a provision of law referred to in subsection (d) of this section . . . unless such information has been transformed into a statistical or aggregate form that does not allow the identification of the person who supplied particular information”	<u>Strunk v. U.S. Dep’t. of Interior</u> , 752 F. Supp. 2d 39, 44-45 (D.D.C. 2010).
7 U.S.C. § 8791(b)(2) (Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008)	“[I]nformation provided by an agricultural producer or owner of agricultural land concerning the agricultural operation, farming or conservation practices, or the land itself, in order to participate in programs of the Department” or “geospatial information . . . maintained by the Secretary about agricultural land or operations”	<u>Cent. Platte Nat. Res. Dist. v. U.S. Dep’t of Agric.</u> , 643 F.3d 1142, 1147-48 (8th Cir. 2011); <u>Animal Legal Def. Fund v. USDA</u> , No. 24-03093, 2026 WL 984270, at *7 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 13, 2026); <u>Zanoni v. USDA</u> , 605 F. Supp. 2d 230, 237-38 (D.D.C. 2009).
8 U.S.C. § 1202(f) (Immigration and Nationality Act)	Certain records pertaining to the issuance or refusal of visas to enter the United States	<u>Jimenez v. DHS</u> , 119 F.4th 892, 909 (11th Cir. 2024); <u>Medina-Hincapie v. Dep’t of State</u> , 700 F.2d 737, 741-42 (D.C. Cir. 1983); <u>De Laurentiis v. Haig</u> , 686 F.2d 192, 194 (3d Cir. 1982); <u>Assadi v. Dep’t of State</u> , No. 12-1111, 2014 WL 4704840, at *6-7 (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 19, 2014); <u>Badalamenti v. U.S. Dep’t of State</u> , 899 F. Supp. 542, 547 (D. Kan. 1995).

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8 U.S.C. § 1367(a)(2) (Immigration and Nationality Act)	Information that relates to an alien who is the beneficiary of certain applications for relief under the Immigration and Nationality Act	<u>Advocs. for Hum. Rts. v. USCIS</u> , No. 24-01295, 2026 WL 241917, at *2 (D.D.C. Jan. 29, 2026).
10 U.S.C. § 130(a)	Certain “technical data with military or space application in the possession of, or under the control of, the Department of Defense”	<u>Newport Aeronautical Sales v. Dep’t of the Air Force</u> , 684 F.3d 160, 167-68 (D.C. Cir. 2012); <u>Chenkin v. Dep’t of the Army</u> , No. 93-494, 1994 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 20907, at *8 (M.D. Pa. Jan. 14, 1994), <u>aff’d</u> , 61 F.3d 894 (3d Cir. 1995) (unpublished table decision).
10 U.S.C. § 130b	Personally identifiable information pertaining to “any member of the armed forces assigned to an overseas unit, a sensitive unit, or a routinely deployable unit” and “any employee of the Department of Defense or of the Coast Guard whose duty station is with any such unit”	<u>Freedom Watch, Inc. v. NSA</u> , 197 F. Supp. 3d 165, 174 (D.D.C. 2016); <u>Hiken v. DOD</u> , 521 F. Supp. 2d 1047, 1062 (N.D. Cal. 2007); <u>O’Keefe v. DOD</u> , 463 F. Supp. 2d 317, 325 (E.D.N.Y. 2006); <u>Windel v. United States</u> , No. A02-306, 2005 WL 846206, at *2 (D. Alaska Apr. 11, 2005).
10 U.S.C. § 130c	Certain “sensitive information of foreign governments” and certain international organizations	<u>ACLU v. DOD</u> , 389 F. Supp. 2d 547, 553-54 (S.D.N.Y. 2005); <u>Nat’l Inst. of Mil. Just. v. DOD</u> , 404 F. Supp. 2d 325, 335-37 (D.D.C. 2005), <u>aff’d on other grounds</u> , 512 F.3d 677 (D.C. Cir. 2008); <u>Gerstein v. DOD</u> , No. 03-5193, slip op. at 8 (N.D. Ca. Dec. 21, 2004).

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10 U.S.C. § 424	Organization or any function of an organization, and certain information pertaining to, employees of the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Reconnaissance Office, and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency	<u>Hamdan v. DOJ</u> , 797 F.3d 759, 776 (9th Cir. 2015); <u>Freedom Watch, Inc. v. NSA</u> , 197 F. Supp. 3d 165, 174 (D.D.C. 2016); <u>Wickwire Gavin, P.C. v. Def. Intel. Agency</u> , 330 F. Supp. 2d 592, 602 (E.D. Va. 2004).
10 U.S.C. § 1102(f) (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1987)	Medical quality assurance records created by or for the Department of Defense as part of a medical quality assurance program	<u>Goodrich v. Dep't of the Air Force</u> , 404 F. Supp. 2d 48, 50-51 (D.D.C. 2005); <u>Dayton Newspapers, Inc. v. Dep't of the Air Force</u> , 107 F. Supp. 2d 912, 917 (S.D. Ohio 1999).
10 U.S.C. § 3309(b) (formerly at 10 U.S.C. § 2305(g))	Certain contractor proposals	<u>Roman v. NSA</u> , Nos. 09-2947, 09-4281, 09-3344, 09-2504, 09-5633, 2012 WL 569747, at *7 (E.D.N.Y. Feb. 22, 2012); <u>Margolin v. NASA</u> , No. 09-00421, 2011 WL 1303221, at *6 (D. Nev. Mar. 31, 2011).
13 U.S.C. §§ 8(b), 9(a) (Census Act)	Certain census data	<u>Baldrige v. Shapiro</u> , 455 U.S. 345, 354-55 (1982).
13 U.S.C. § 301(g) (Collection and Publication of Foreign Commerce Act)	Certain shippers' export declarations or successor documents	<u>Afr. Fund v. Mosbacher</u> , No. 92-289, 1993 WL 183736, at *5 (S.D.N.Y. May 26, 1993); <u>Young Conservative Found., Inc. v. U.S. Dep't of Com.</u> , No. 85-3982, 1987 WL 9244, at *2-3 (D.D.C. Mar. 25, 1987).
15 U.S.C. § 18a(h)	Information submitted in connection with the premerger notification provisions of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976	<u>Bloomberg LP v. FTC</u> , No. 22-3309, 2024 WL 165989, at *3 (D.D.C. Jan. 16, 2024).

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15 U.S.C. § 46(f) (Federal Trade Commission Act)	“[A]ny trade secret or any commercial or financial information which is obtained from any person and which is privileged or confidential”	<u>Ctr. for Digit. Democracy v. FTC</u> , 189 F. Supp. 3d 151, 158-59 (D.D.C. 2016) (15 U.S.C. § 46(f)).
15 U.S.C. § 57b-2(f) (Federal Trade Commission Act)	Certain investigative materials received by the FTC and “provided pursuant to any compulsory process under this subchapter or which is provided voluntarily in place of such compulsory process”	<u>A. Michael’s Piano, Inc. v. FTC</u> , 18 F.3d 138, 143-44 (2d Cir. 1994); <u>Nat’l Educ. Ass’n v. FTC</u> , No. 79-959-S, 1983 WL 1883, at *1 (D. Mass. Sept. 26, 1983).
15 U.S.C. § 1314(g) (Antitrust Civil Process Act)	“Any documentary material, answers to written interrogatories, or transcripts of oral testimony” provided pursuant to certain civil investigative demands pertaining to antitrust investigations	<u>Motion Picture Ass’n of Am. v. DOJ</u> , No. 80-6612, slip op. at 1 (S.D.N.Y. Oct. 6, 1981).
15 U.S.C. §§ 2055(a)(2), 2055(b)(1), 2055(b)(5) (Consumer Product Safety Act)	Certain information reported to, or otherwise obtained by, the Consumer Product Safety Commission which either contains or relates to a trade secret or is “subject to section 552(b)(4) of Title 5”	<u>Consumer Prod. Safety Comm’n v. GTE Sylvania, Inc.</u> , 447 U.S. 102, 122-23 (1980) (15 U.S.C. § 2055(b)(1)); <u>Mulloy v. Consumer Prods. Safety Comm’n</u> , No. 85-3720, 1986 WL 17283, at *1 (6th Cir. July 22, 1986) (per curiam) (unpublished disposition) (15 U.S.C. § 2055(a)(2) and 15 U.S.C. § 2055(b)(5)).

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15 U.S.C. § 3710a(c) (Federal Technology Transfer Act)	“[T]rade secrets or commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential, under the meaning of section 552(b)(4) of Title 5, which is obtained in the conduct of research or as a result of activities under this chapter,” which pertains to cooperative research and development agreements for the purpose of technological and industrial innovation	<u>Pub. Citizen Health Rsch. Grp. v. NIH</u> , 209 F. Supp. 2d 37, 43, 51 (D.D.C. 2002); <u>DeLorme Pub. Co., Inc. v. NOAA</u> , 917 F. Supp. 867, 871-72 (D. Me. 1996).
15 U.S.C. § 6801 (Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act)	Nonpublic personal information of customers of financial institutions	<u>Hodes v. HUD</u> , 532 F. Supp. 2d 108, 117 (D.D.C. 2008).
15 U.S.C. § 7306(d) (National Construction Safety Team Act)	“[A]ny information . . . receive[d] in the course of an investigation under this chapter if the Director finds that the disclosure of that information might jeopardize public safety”	<u>Quick v. U.S. Dep’t of Com.</u> , 775 F. Supp. 2d 174, 180-81 (D.D.C. 2011).
16 U.S.C. § 470hh (Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979)	Information pertaining to the nature and location of certain archaeological resources	<u>Hornbostel v. U.S. Dep’t of the Interior</u> , 305 F. Supp. 2d 21, 29-30 (D.D.C. 2003), <u>summary affirmance granted</u> , No. 03-5257, 2004 WL 1900562 (D.C. Cir. Aug. 25, 2004); <u>Starkey v. U.S. Dep’t of the Interior</u> , 238 F. Supp. 2d 1188, 1192-94 (S.D. Cal. 2002).
16 U.S.C. § 4304 (Federal Cave Resources Protection Act)	“Information concerning the specific location of any significant cave . . . [that] create[s] a substantial risk of harm, theft, or destruction of such cave”	<u>Black Hills Clean Water All. v. USFS</u> , No. 20-5034, 2022 WL 2340440, at *9 (D.S.D. June 29, 2022).

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18 U.S.C. § 208(d)(1)	Providing that “a copy of any determination granting an exemption under subsection (b)(1) or (b)(3) [from application of penalties for acts affecting personal financial interests determined to constitute bribery, graft, or conflicts of interest] shall be made available to the public,” but exempting from this disclosure requirement “any information contained in the determination that would be exempt from disclosure under section 552 of title 5”	<u>Seife v. NIH</u> , 874 F. Supp. 2d 248, 256 (S.D.N.Y. 2012).
18 U.S.C. § 701	Likeness of any badge, identification card, or other insignia, of the design prescribed by the head of any department or agency of the United States for use by any officer or employee thereof, or any colorable imitation thereof	<u>Jones v. IRS</u> , No. 06-322, 2008 WL 1901208, at *3-4 (W.D. Mich. Apr. 25, 2008).
18 U.S.C. § 798 (Espionage Act)	Certain classified information pertaining to the communication intelligence and cryptographic devices of the United States or any foreign government	<u>Larson v. Dep’t of State</u> , 565 F.3d 857, 868-69 (D.C. Cir. 2009); <u>N.Y. Times Co. v. DOJ</u> , No. 14-03776, 2016 WL 5946711, at *6 (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 18, 2016); <u>Adejumobi v. NSA</u> , No. 07-1237, 2007 WL 4247878, at *3 (M.D. Fla. Dec. 3, 2007), <u>aff’d per curiam</u> , 287 F. App’x 770 (11th Cir. 2008); <u>Winter v. NSA</u> , 569 F. Supp. 545, 546-48 (S.D. Cal. 1983).

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18 U.S.C. §§ 2510, <i>et seq.</i> (Title III of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act)	Wiretap requests and the contents of any wire, oral, or electronic communication obtained through wiretaps	<u>Payne v. DOJ</u> , No. 96-30840, 1997 WL 450139, at *3 (5th Cir. July 11, 1997); <u>Lam Lek Chong v. DEA</u> , 929 F.2d 729, 732-33 (D.C. Cir. 1991).
18 U.S.C. § 3123(d) (Pen Register Act)	Certain court “order[s] authorizing or approving the installation and use of a pen register or a trap and trace device”; information pertaining to “the existence of the pen register or trap and trace device or the existence of the investigation”	<u>Labow v. DOJ</u> , 831 F.3d 523, 527-28 (D.C. Cir. 2016); <u>ACLU v. DOJ</u> , 2014 WL 4954121, at *11 (N.D. Cal. Sept. 30, 2014); <u>Manna v. DOJ</u> , 815 F. Supp. 798, 812 (D.N.J. 1993), <u>aff’d on other grounds</u> , 51 F.3d 1158 (3d Cir. 1995).
18 U.S.C. § 3509(d) (Federal Victims’ Protection and Rights Act)	Certain records containing identifying information pertaining to children involved in criminal proceedings	<u>Corley v. DOJ</u> , 998 F.3d 981, 982-85 (D.C. Cir. 2021).
18 U.S.C. § 3521(b)(1)(G) (Witness Security Reform Act of 1984)	“[T]he identity or location of the person relocated or protected, or any other matter concerning the person or the program after weighing [various factors],” subject to certain exceptions	<u>Wilson v. FBI</u> , No. 22-3062, 2025 WL 522019, at *7 (D.D.C. Feb. 18, 2025); <u>Bonadonna v. DOJ</u> , 791 F. Supp. 2d 269, 270 (D. Mass. 2010), <u>aff’d</u> , No. 10-1595, 2011 WL 4770189 (1st Cir. Jan. 7, 2011).
18 U.S.C. § 4208(c) (Parole Commission and Reorganization Act)	Certain records pertaining to parole determination proceedings	<u>DOJ v. Julian</u> , 486 U.S. 1, 9 (1988).
18 U.S.C. § 5038(a)	Records of juvenile delinquency proceedings	<u>Lavado v. DEA</u> , No. 90-5262, 1991 WL 119586, at *1 (D.C. Cir. June 28, 1991).

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19 U.S.C. § 1677f (Tariff Act)	Certain “information submitted to the administering authority or the [United States International Trade] Commission which is designated as proprietary by the person submitting the information”	<u>Mudge Rose Guthrie Alexander & Ferdon v. U.S. Int’l Trade Comm’n</u> , 846 F.2d 1527, 1530-31 (D.C. Cir. 1988).
19 U.S.C. § 2155(g) (Trade Act)	Certain information in connection with trade negotiations that is “submitted in confidence”	<u>Intell. Prop. Watch v. U.S. Trade Representative</u> , 205 F. Supp. 3d 334, 345-46 (S.D.N.Y. 2016).
19 U.S.C. §§ 2605(h), 2605(i) (Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act)	Certain records pertaining to Cultural Property Advisory Committee proceedings where “it is determined by the President or his designee that the disclosure of matters involved in the Committee’s proceedings would compromise the Government’s negotiating objectives or [certain] bargaining positions”; certain “information (including trade secrets and commercial or financial information which is privileged or confidential) submitted in confidence by the private sector to officers or employees of the United States or to the [Cultural Property Advisory] Committee”	<u>Ancient Coin Collectors Guild v. U.S. Dep’t of State</u> , 641 F.3d 504, 511 (D.C. Cir. 2011).

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20 U.S.C. § 1099c-1 (Higher Education Act)	Certain program review reports and institutional responses until the Department of Education issues a final program review determination.	<u>Bagwell v. U.S. Dep’t of Educ.</u> , 183 F. Supp. 3d 109, 126-27 (D.D.C. 2016).
21 U.S.C. § 331(j) (Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act)	Certain information “concerning any method or process which as a trade secret is entitled to protection”	<u>Anderson v. HHS</u> , 907 F.2d 936, 950-51 (10th Cir. 1990).
21 U.S.C. § 387f(c) (Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act)	Certain information reported to or obtained by the Secretary which is exempt from disclosure under Exemption 4 of the FOIA	<u>Rozema v. HHS</u> , 167 F. Supp. 3d 324, 341 (N.D.N.Y. 2016).
22 U.S.C. §§ 1461, 1461-1a (Smith-Mundt Act)	Certain program information prepared by the United States Information Agency	<u>Essential Info., Inc. v. USIA</u> , 134 F.3d 1165, 1168 (D.C. Cir. 1998).
22 U.S.C. § 2778(e) (Arms Export Control Act)	Certain information pertaining to export license applications	<u>Council for a Livable World v. U.S. Dep’t of State</u> , 1998 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 23642, at *11 (D.D.C. Jan. 21, 1998), <u>amended</u> (D.D.C. Nov. 23, 1998).
22 U.S.C. § 3104(c) (International Investment Survey Act)	Records and reports provided pursuant to subsection (b)(2) of the section of the statute which pertains to certain “surveys and studies” regarding international investment and trade	<u>Young Conservative Found., Inc. v. U.S. Dep’t of Com.</u> , No. 85-3982, 1987 WL 9244, at *4 (D.D.C. Mar. 25, 1987).
25 U.S.C. § 1675(g) (Indian Health Care Improvement Act)	Medical quality assurance records	<u>N.Y. Times Co. v. HHS</u> , 15 F.4th 216, 219 & n.7 (2d Cir. 2021) (per curiam).

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26 U.S.C. §§ 6103, 6105 (Internal Revenue Code)	Certain tax return information, to include Taxpayer Identification Numbers of third parties, and certain tax convention information	<u>Church of Scientology v. IRS</u> , 484 U.S. 9, 15 (1987) (26 U.S.C. § 6103); <u>Elec. Priv. Info. Ctr. v. IRS</u> , 910 F.3d 1232, 1237 (D.C. Cir. 2018); <u>Leonard v. U.S. Dep’t of Treasury</u> , 590 F. App’x. 141, 143-44 (3d Cir. 2014) (per curiam); <u>Pac. Fisheries, Inc. v. IRS</u> , 395 F. App’x. 438, 440 (9th Cir. 2010) (unpublished disposition) (26 U.S.C. §§ 6103, 6105); <u>Nosal v. IRS</u> , 523 F. Supp. 3d 72, 79 (D.D.C. 2021).
28 U.S.C. § 652(d) (Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 1998)	“[C]onfidential dispute resolution communications”	<u>Yelder v. DOD</u> , 577 F. Supp. 2d 342, 346-47 (D.D.C. 2008).
31 U.S.C. § 5319 (Bank Secrecy Act)	Reports pertaining to monetary instruments transactions filed under subchapter II of chapter 53 of title 31 and records of those reports	<u>Yunes v. DOJ</u> , 263 F. Supp. 3d 82, 87 (D.D.C. 2017); <u>Council on Am.-Islamic Rels., Cal. v. FBI</u> , 749 F. Supp. 2d 1104, 1117 (S.D. Cal. 2010); <u>Berger v. IRS</u> , 487 F. Supp. 2d 482, 496-97 (D.N.J. 2007), <u>affd on other grounds</u> , 288 F. App’x 829 (3d Cir. 2008).
34 U.S.C. § 10231(a)	“Any research or statistical information furnished under this title by any person and identifiable to any specific private person for any purpose other than the purpose for which it was obtained in accordance with this title”	<u>Appeal, Inc. v. OJP</u> , No. 22-02111, 2024 WL 4868282, at *4 (C.D. Cal. Oct. 15, 2024).
34 U.S.C § 12592 (formerly at 42 U.S.C. § 14132)	Certain “stored DNA samples and DNA analyses”	<u>Moore v. Nat’l DNA Index Sys.</u> , 662 F. Supp. 2d 136, 140 (D.D.C. 2009).

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35 U.S.C. § 122 (Patent Act)	Applications for patents; certain information pertaining to applications for patents	<u>Irons & Sears v. Dann</u> , 606 F.2d 1215, 1219-21 (D.C. Cir. 1979).
38 U.S.C. § 5701	“All files, records, reports, and other papers and documents pertaining to any claim under any of the laws administered by the Secretary and the names and addresses of present or former members of the Armed Forces, and their dependents, in the possession of [VA]”	<u>Ashton v. VA</u> , No. 99-6018, 1999 WL 753331, at *1 (2d Cir. Sept. 3, 1999) (unpublished disposition).
38 U.S.C. § 5705	Records created by VA as part of its medical quality-assurance program; certain other information pertaining to VA’s medical quality-assurance program	<u>Schulte & Sun-Sentinel Co. v. VA</u> , No. 86-6251, slip op. at 3-4, 12 (S.D. Fla. Feb. 2, 1996).
38 U.S.C. § 7332	Records of patients being treated for certain conditions	<u>Palmer v. Derwinski</u> , No. 91-197, slip op. at 3-4 (E.D. Ky. June 10, 1992).
39 U.S.C. § 410(c)(2) (Postal Reorganization Act)	Commercial information which would not be disclosed under good business practice	<u>Bloomberg L.P. v. USPS</u> , 118 F.4th 307, 316 (2d Cir. 2024); <u>Wickwire Gavin, P.C. v. USPS</u> , 356 F.3d 588, 589, 597 (4th Cir. 2004); <u>Am. Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO v. USPS</u> , 742 F. Supp. 2d 76, 81-83 (D.D.C. 2010); <u>Reid v. USPS</u> , No. 05-294, 2006 WL 1876682, at *5-9 (S.D. Ill. July 5, 2006); <u>Robinett v. USPS</u> , No. 02-1094, 2002 WL 1728582, at *5 (E.D. La. July 24, 2002).

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39 U.S.C. § 3016(d) (Deceptive Mail Prevention and Enforcement Act)	Documentary material provided pursuant to any subpoena issued under Deceptive Mail Prevention Enforcement Act	<u>Gov't Accountability Project v. FDA</u> , 206 F. Supp. 3d 420, 433 (D.D.C. 2016) (dictum).
41 U.S.C. § 2102 (amending 41 U.S.C. § 423(a)(1)) (Procurement Integrity Act)	Contractor bid or proposal information; source selection information	<u>Legal & Safety Emp. Rsch., Inc. v. U.S. Dep't of the Army</u> , No. Civ. S001748, 2001 WL 34098652, at *3-4 (E.D. Cal. May 4, 2001) (dictum).
41 U.S.C. § 4702 (formerly at 41 U.S.C. § 253b(m)(1))	Contractor proposals that are in the possession or control of an executive agency and that have not been set forth or incorporated by reference into contracts	<u>Lenahan v. HHS</u> , No. 23-06041, 2025 WL 1159878, at *3 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 21, 2025); <u>Sinkfield v. HUD</u> , No. 10-885, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 35233, at *13-15 (S.D. Ohio Mar. 15, 2012); <u>Margolin v. NASA</u> , No. 09-00421, 2011 WL 1303221, at *6 (D. Nev. Mar. 31, 2011); <u>Hornbostel v. U.S. Dep't of the Interior</u> , 305 F. Supp. 2d 21, 30 (D.D.C. 2003), <u>summary affirmance granted</u> , No. 03-5257, 2004 WL 1900562 (D.C. Cir. Aug. 25, 2004).
42 U.S.C. § 262a(h)(1) (Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act)	Certain categories of information relating to biological agents and toxins	<u>Civ. Beat L. Ctr. for the Pub. Int. v. CDC</u> , 929 F.3d 1079, 1084-85 (9th Cir. 2019).
42 U.S.C. § 300aa-12(d)(4)(A) (National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986)	“Except as provided in subparagraph (B), information submitted to a special master or the court in a proceeding on a petition [for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program] . . . without the express written consent of the person who submitted the information”	<u>Long v. DOJ</u> , 778 F. Supp. 2d 222, 234 (N.D.N.Y. 2011).

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42 U.S.C. § 405(r) (Social Security Act)	Death certificates and records pertaining to deaths provided to the Commissioner of Social Security under this subsection	<u>Int'l Diatomite Producers Ass'n v. SSA</u> , No. 92-1634, 1993 WL 137286, at *3 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 28, 1993), <u>appeal dismissed per stipulation</u> , No. 93-16204 (9th Cir. Oct. 27, 1993).
42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e-5(b), 2000e-8(e) (Civil Rights Act of 1964)	Information pertaining to charges of unlawful employment practices; information obtained by the EEOC in investigating charges of unlawful employment practices	<u>Frito-Lay v. EEOC</u> , 964 F. Supp. 236, 240-43 (W.D. Ky. 1997); <u>Am. Centennial Ins. Co. v. EEOC</u> , 722 F. Supp. 180, 184 (D.N.J. 1989).
42 U.S.C. §§ 2162, 2167, 2168(a)(1) (Atomic Energy Act)	“Restricted Data” pertaining to atomic weapons and special nuclear material and certain safeguards information for nuclear material	<u>Meeropol v. Meese</u> , 790 F.2d 942 (D.C. Cir. 1986).
42 U.S.C. §§ 2286d(b), 2286d(h)(3) (Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Act)	Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board recommendations	<u>Nat. Res. Def. Council, Inc. v. Def. Nuclear Facilities Safety Bd.</u> , 969 F.2d 1248, 1249, 1251 (D.C. Cir. 1992).
42 U.S.C. § 3610(d) (Fair Housing Act)	Records pertaining to conciliation of disputes regarding allegations of unfair housing practices; information derived from housing discrimination investigations and any final investigative reports pertaining to such investigations	<u>West v. Jackson</u> , 448 F. Supp. 2d 207, 212-13 (D.D.C. 2006), <u>summary affirmance granted & motion to remand denied</u> , No. 06-5281, 2007 WL 1723362 (D.C. Cir. Mar. 6, 2007).
45 U.S.C. § 362(d) (Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act)	Information obtained by the Railroad Retirement Board that reveals, in any manner, an employee's identity	<u>Ass'n of Retired R.R. Workers v. U.S. R.R. Ret. Bd.</u> , 830 F.2d 331, 334 (D.C. Cir. 1987); <u>Nat'l Ass'n of Retired & Veteran Ry. Emp.'s v. R.R. Ret. Bd.</u> , 1991 U.S. Dist, LEXIS 21923, at *7 (N.D. Ohio Feb. 20, 1991).

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47 U.S.C. § 605 (Communications Act of 1934)	Certain information pertaining to interstate or foreign communication by wire or radio	<u>Reston v. FCC</u> , 492 F. Supp. 697, 699-700 (D.D.C. 1980).
49 U.S.C. § 114(r) (formerly at 49 U.S.C. § 114(s)) (Federal Aviation Act)	Information obtained or developed in carrying out security under the authority of the Aviation and Transportation Security Act or under chapter 449 of this title	<u>Longas-Palacio v. USCIS</u> , No. 21-2661, 2023 WL 2277128 (S.D. Tex. Feb. 28, 2023); <u>Magassa v. TSA</u> , No. 19-01953, 2022 WL 971207, at *5 (D.D.C. Mar. 31, 2022); <u>Skurow v. DHS</u> , 892 F. Supp. 2d 319, 329-30 (D.D.C. 2012); <u>Gordon v. FBI</u> , 390 F. Supp. 2d 897, 900 (N.D. Cal. 2004).
49 U.S.C. § 1114(c) (Transportation Safety Act of 1974)	Certain “cockpit voice or video recorder recording[s] or transcript[s] of communications by and between flight crew members and ground stations pertaining to [] incident[s] investigated by the [National Transportation Safety] Board”	<u>McGilvra v. NTSB</u> , 840 F. Supp. 100, 102 (D. Colo. 1993).
50 U.S.C. § 1702(a)(1)	Authorizes the President to “regulate . . . prevent or prohibit . . . importation or exportation of . . . any property in which any foreign country or a national thereof has any interest . . . by any person, or with respect to any property, subject to the jurisdiction of the United States”	<u>Wis. Project on Nuclear Arms Control v. U.S. Dep’t of Com.</u> , 317 F.3d 275, 284 (D.C. Cir. 2003).
50 U.S.C. § 3024(h)(1) (formerly at 50 U.S.C. § 403-1(i)(1)) (National Security Act of 1947)	Intelligence sources and methods	<u>CIA v. Sims</u> , 471 U.S. 159, 167 (1985).

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50 U.S.C. § 3141(a) (formerly at 50 U.S.C. § 431) (Central Intelligence Agency Information Act of 1984)	“[O]perational files of the Central Intelligence Agency”	<u>CIA v. Sims</u> , 471 U.S. 159, 167, 174 n.19 (1985) (dictum); <u>Wolf v. CIA</u> , 569 F. Supp. 2d 1, 8 (D.D.C. 2008).
50 U.S.C. § 3143 (formerly at 50 U.S.C. § 432a)	Operational files of the National Reconnaissance Office	<u>Aftergood v. Nat’l Reconnaissance Off.</u> , 441 F. Supp. 2d 37, 46 (D.D.C. 2006).
50 U.S.C. § 3507 (formerly at 50 U.S.C. § 403g) (Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949)	Intelligence sources and methods; certain information pertaining to Agency functions or employees, specifically: “the organization or functions of the Agency, or of the names, official titles, salaries, or numbers of personnel employed by the Agency”	<u>Assassination Archives & Rsch. Ctr. v. CIA</u> , No. 18-5280, 2019 WL 691517 (D.C. Cir. Feb. 15, 2019) (per curiam); <u>ACLU v. DOJ</u> , 681 F.3d 61, 72-75 (2d Cir. 2012); <u>Berman v. CIA</u> , 501 F.3d 1136, 1137-38, 1140 (9th Cir. 2007); <u>Makky v. Chertoff</u> , 489 F. Supp. 2d 421, 442 (D.N.J. 2007), <u>aff’d on other grounds</u> , 541 F. 3d 205 (3d Cir. 2008).
50 U.S.C. § 3605 (formerly at 50 U.S.C. § 402 note) (National Security Agency Act of 1959)	Information pertaining to the functions or organization of NSA; certain information pertaining to NSA employees	<u>ACLU v. DOJ</u> , 681 F.3d 61, 72-75 (2d Cir. 2012); <u>Elec. Priv. Info. Ctr. v. NSA</u> , 678 F.3d 926, 931 (D.C. Cir. 2012); <u>Houghton v. NSA</u> , 378 F. App’x 235, 238-39 (3d Cir. 2010) (per curiam); <u>Lahr v. NTSB</u> , 569 F.3d 964, 985 (9th Cir. 2009).
50 U.S.C. § 4565(c)(1) (Defense Production Act)	Information or documentary material filed with the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States	<u>Minor v. U.S. Dep’t of the Treasury</u> , No. 20-02836, slip op. at 5 (D.S.C. Aug. 5, 2021) (unpublished disposition).

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50 U.S.C. § 4820(h)(1) (formerly at 50 U.S.C. § 4614(c)(1)) (Export Control Reform Act)	Information pertaining to license applications under the Export Administration Act	<u>Wis. Project on Nuclear Arms Control v. U.S. Dep’t of Com.</u> , 317 F.3d 275, 284 (D.C. Cir. 2003); <u>Times Publ’g Co. v. U.S. Dep’t of Com.</u> , 236 F.3d 1286, 1289-90 (11th Cir. 2001); <u>Lessner v. U.S. Dep’t of Com.</u> , 827 F.2d 1333, 1336-37 (9th Cir. 1987); <u>Husch Blackwell LLP v. Dep’t of Com.</u> , No. 24-2733, 2026 WL 933498, at *4 (D.D.C. Apr. 7, 2026).
52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(12)(A) (formerly at 2 U.S.C. § 437(a)(12)(A)) (Federal Election Campaign Act)	Any notification or investigation made under this section of the Federal Election Campaign Act pertaining to federal campaign funds	<u>Gov’t Accountability Project v. FDA</u> , 206 F. Supp. 3d 420, 433 (D.D.C. 2016).
54 U.S.C. § 100707 (formerly at 16 U.S.C. § 5937) (National Parks Omnibus Management Act)	Information pertaining to: “endangered, threatened, rare, or commercially valuable” National Park System resources; “mineral or paleontological objects within units of the National Park System”; or “objects of cultural patrimony within units of the National Park System”	<u>Hornbostel v. U.S. Dep’t of the Interior</u> , No. 03-5257, 2004 WL 1900562 (D.C. Cir. Aug. 25, 2004); <u>Sw. Ctr. for Biological Diversity v. USDA</u> , 314 F.3d 1060, 1062 (9th Cir. 2002); <u>Pease v. U.S. Dep’t of Interior</u> , No. 99-113, slip op. at 2, 4 (D. Vt. Sept. 17, 1999).

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Pub. L. No. 108-447, 118 Stat. 2809, 2859-60 (Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005) Pub. L. No. 110-161, 121 Stat. 1844, 1903-04 (Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008) Pub. L. No. 112-55, 125 Stat. 552, 609-10 (Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012)	Certain firearms database information	<u>Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund v. ATF</u> , 984 F.3d 30, 42 (2d Cir. 2020); <u>City of Chi. v. U.S. Dep’t of the Treasury</u> , 423 F.3d 777, 781-82 (7th Cir. 2005); <u>Mayor & City Council of Balt. v. ATF</u> , 816 F. Supp. 3d 107, 125-26 (D.D.C. 2026); <u>P.W. Arms, Inc. v. United States</u> , No. 15-1990-JCC, 2017 WL 319250, at *4 (W.D. Wash. Jan. 23, 2017); <u>Williams v. ATF</u> , No. PWG-15-1969, 2017 WL 3978580, at *5-6 (D. Md. Sept. 8, 2017); <u>Abdeljabbar v. ATF</u> , 74 F. Supp. 3d 158, 173 (D.D.C. 2014).
Pub. L. No. 111-83, 123 Stat. 2142 (Protected National Security Documents Act, 2009)	Certain photographs related to the treatment of individuals engaged, captured, or detained after September 11, 2001	<u>ACLU v. DOD</u> , 901 F.3d 125, 133 (2d Cir. 2018).
Fed. R. Crim. P. 6(e), enacted by Act of July 30, 1977, Pub. L. No. 95-78, § 2, 91 Stat. 319	Certain records that would reveal some secret aspect pertaining to grand jury proceedings	<u>Kalbers v. DOJ</u> , 166 F.4th 783, 795-96 (9th Cir. 2026); <u>Sorin v. DOJ</u> , No. 18-99, 2018 WL 6431027 (2d Cir. Dec. 6, 2018) (per curium); <u>Sussman v. USMS</u> , 494 F.3d 1106, 1113 (D.C. Cir. 2007); <u>Widi v. McNeil</u> , No. 12-00188, 2016 WL 4394724, at *23 (D. Me. Aug 16, 2016); <u>Durham v. U.S. Att’y Gen.</u> , No. 06-843, 2008 WL 620744, at *2 (E.D. Tex. Mar. 3, 2008); <u>Cozen O’Connor v. U.S. Dep’t of Treasury</u> , 570 F. Supp. 2d 749, 776 (E.D. Pa. 2008).

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Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Republic of Korea on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, S. Kor.-U.S., Nov. 23, 1993, S. TREATY DOC. NO. 104-1 (1995)	Evidence obtained by way of a treaty with a confidentiality clause	<u>Dongkuk Int'l, Inc. v. DOJ</u> , 204 F. Supp. 3d 18, 28 (D.D.C. 2016).
Treaty Between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, Switz.-U.S., May 25, 1973, 27 U.S.T. 2019	Evidence obtained by way of a treaty with a confidentiality clause	<u>Grynberg v. DOJ</u> , No. 18-370, 2019 WL 138426 (2d Cir. Jan. 9, 2019).
Instrument Between the Kingdom of Denmark and the United States of America, as contemplated by Article 3(3) of the Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance Between the United States of America and the European Union, June 25, 2003, Den.-U.S., June 23, 2005, S. TREATY DOC. NO. 109-13 (2006)	Evidence obtained by way of a treaty with a confidentiality clause	<u>Biear v. DOJ</u> , No. 14-1488, 2023 WL 4867431, at *6-7 (M.D. Pa. July 31, 2023).
Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, Austl.-U.S., Apr. 30, 1997, S. TREATY DOC. NO. 105-27 (1997)	Evidence obtained by way of a treaty with a confidentiality clause	<u>Biear v. DOJ</u> , No. 14-1488, 2023 WL 4867431, at *6-7 (M.D. Pa. July 31, 2023).