the Executive Office of United States Attorneys.

(c) Individuals whose letter has been referred to the Executive Office of United States Attorneys for a response by the White House, Executive Agencies or Members of Congress.

In all of the above categories, the individuals include only those who express general views or seek information or assistance. Freedom of Information requests are not indexed in this system.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

The system includes the original correspondence received as well as any response, referral letters or notes concerning the subject of the correspondence and copies of any enclosures. The system is arranged alphabetically by the last name of the original correspondent.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

These records are kept for administrative convenience pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 301 and 44 U.S.C. 3101.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USES AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

(a) Information from the responses may be provided to the referrer of the original correspondence. All other uses are internal within the Department.

(b) Information permitted to be released to the news media and the public pursuant to 28 CFR 59.2 may be made available from systems of records maintained by the Department of Justice unless it is determined that release of the specific information in the context of a particular case would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

(c) Release of information to Members of Congress: Information contained in systems of records maintained by the Department of Justice, not otherwise required to be released pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552, may be made available to a Member of Congress or staff acting upon the Member's behalf when the Member of staff requests the information on behalf of and at the request of the individual who is the subject of the record and:

(1) Release of information to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and the General Services Administration (GSA): A record from a system of records may be disclosed as a routine use to NARA and GSA in records management inspections conducted under the authority of 44 U.S.C. 3004 and 2906.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

The material is stored within manila file folders, within metal file cabinets. Some material is recorded and stored on magnetic tape, card or other data processing type storage media for reproduction later into conventional formats and for management information purposes.

RETRIEVABILITY:

The system is indexed by name, arranged alphabetically. Information may be accessed by means of cathode-ray tube terminals.

SAFEGUARDS:

The correspondence is maintained in a room which is occupied by office personnel during the day and locked at night. Information that is retrievable by CRT's within various U.S. Attorneys' offices and the Executive Office for United States Attorneys requires user identification numbers which are issued to authorized employees of the Department of Justice.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are maintained and disposed of in accordance with Department retention plans.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Director: Executive Office of United States Attorneys; U.S. Department of Justice; 10th & Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20001.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Same as the above.

RECORDS ACCESS PROCEDURE:

A request for access to a record from this system shall be made in writing, with the envelope and the letter clearly marked "Privacy Access Request." Include in the request the name and address as included in the original letter, together with the current address if different, the date of the letter and to whom it was addressed. Requests should be directed to the System Manager listed above.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Any request for correction should also be directed to the System Manager and should indicate the exact correction required.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Sources of information in this system are the actual letter received, the response and any transmitted information and enclosures.

SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

None.

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SYSTEM LOCATION:

Consumer Complaints.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

The individuals on whom records are maintained in this system may be broadly classified in four categories: (1) Those individuals who have been charged with Federal and D.C. Code violations; (2) Those individuals who are currently under investigation for violations of Federal and D.C. Code; (3) Those individuals upon whom investigations were conducted, but no prosecution was initiated; and (4) Complainants.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

The system contained allegations of consumer fraud by citizens of the District of Columbia Metropolitan area. It includes names, addresses, and the substance of the complaints.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:


ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

A record maintained in the system of records may be disseminated as a routing use of such record as follows:

(1) In any case in which there is an indication of a violation or potential violation of law, whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature, the record in question may be disseminated to the appropriate agency, federal, state, local, or foreign, charged with enforcing or implementing such law;

(2) In the course of investigating the potential or actual violation of any law, whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature, or during the course of a trial or hearing for such violation, a record may be disseminated to a federal, state, local, or foreign agency, or to an individual, if there is reason to believe that such agency or individual possesses information relating to the investigation, the trial or hearing and the dissemination is reasonably necessary to elicit such information or to obtain the cooperation of a witness or an informant;

(3) Records of extracts thereof relating to a case or matter may be disseminated
to a defendant or his attorney for the purpose of negotiation or discussion on such matters as settlement of the case or matter, plea bargaining, or informal discovery proceedings;

(5) A record relating to a case or matter may be disseminated to an acutal or potential party or his attorney for the governing such proceeding or hearing;

(6) A record relating to a case or matter may be disseminated to a federal, state, or local administrative or regulatory proceeding or hearing in accordance with the procedures governing such proceeding or hearing;

(7) A record relating to person held in prison, probation parole, bail or pardon authority, or to any agency or individual concerned with the custody of such a person;

(8) A record relating to a case or matter may be disseminated to a federal, state, local or foreign law enforcement agency to assist in the efforts of the recipient agency or to any other agency or individual concerned with the custody of or commitment to such a person;

(9) A record may be disseminated to a foreign, federal, state, or local administrative or enforcement agency to assist in the enforcement of a treaty of convention entered into by the United States with any foreign country pursuant to an international agreement.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:
Information maintained in this system is stored in the Fraud Section of the U.S. Attorney's Office.

RETRIEVABILITY:
Information is retrieved via a cross-index by complainant and potential defendant.

SAFEGUARDS:
Information contained in this system is unclassified. It is protected in accordance with Departmental rules and is safeguarded in the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Fraud Section.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:
The records are stored for a period of at least the statute of limitations for the offense charged.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:
Address inquiries to the System Manager.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:
The major part of the information maintained in this system is exempt from the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 552a [(j)(2), (k)(1) and/or (k)(2)]. To the extent that this system is not subject to exemption, it is subject to access. A determination as to exemption shall be made at the time a request for access is received. A request for access to a record from this system shall be made in writing, with the envelope and the letter clearly marked "Privacy Access Request. Include in the request the general subject matter of the document or its file number. The requestor will also provide a return address for transmitting the information. Access requests will be directed to the System Manager listed above.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:
The major part of the information maintained in this system is exempt from the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 552a [(j)(2), (k)(1) and/or (k)(2)]. To the extent that this system is not subject to exemption, it is subject to contest. A determination as to exemption shall be made at the time a request for contest is received. Individuals desiring to contest or amend information maintained in the system should direct their request to the System Manager listed above, stating clearly and concisely what information is being contested, the reasons for contesting it, and the proposed amendment to the information sought.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:
The sources of information contained in this system are complaints referred to the U.S. Attorney's Office by citizens and consumer protection agencies.

SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:
The Attorney General has exempted this system from subsections (c)(3) and (4), (d), (e)(1), (2) and (3), (e)(4)(G) and (H), (e)(5) and (6), (f), (g) and (h) of the Privacy Act pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a [(j)(2) and (k)(1) and (2)]. Rules have been promulgated in accordance with the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 553 and 554 and have been published in the Federal Register.

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SYSTEM NAME:
Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Files.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:
(a) Individuals who write to the Executive Office for United States Attorneys; (b) Government officials in the Executive Office for United States Attorneys; (c) Members of the public who are otherwise required to be notified of the information contained in this system.

Release of information to the news media: Information permitted to be released to the news media and the public pursuant to 28 CFR 50.2 may be made available from systems of records maintained by the Department of Justice.