

of a request for records will not be undertaken until the person requesting a record has paid in full for search and duplication charges for any previous document request under the Act.

(c) Where it is anticipated that the fees chargeable under this section will amount to more than \$25, and the person requesting the record has not indicated in advance his willingness to pay fees as high as are anticipated, the person so requesting shall be promptly notified of the amount of the anticipated fee or such portion thereof as can readily be estimated. In instances where the estimated fees will greatly exceed \$25, an advance deposit may be required. The notice or request for an advance deposit shall extend an offer to the person requesting the record to consult with the Administrative Officer of STR in an attempt to reformulate the request in a manner which will reduce the fees and meet the needs of the person requesting the record. Dispatch of such a notice or request shall suspend the running of the period for response by the Office of the STR until a reply is received from the person requesting the record.

(d) Fees must be paid in full prior to issuance of requested copies.

#### **§ 2004.10 Fee payments.**

(a) Remittances shall be in the form either of a personal check or bank draft drawn on a bank in the United States, or a postal money order. Remittances shall be made payable to the Treasurer of the United States and mailed to "the Administrative Officer", STR, 1800 G St. NW., Washington, DC 20506.

(b) A receipt for fees paid will be given only upon request. Refund of fees paid for services actually rendered will not be made.

(c) The STR Administrative Officer, may in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, as amended, waive all or part of any fee provided for in this section which it is deemed to be in either the interest of STR or in the public interest.

#### **§ 2004.11 Current index.**

The Office of the STR maintains and makes available for public inspection and copying a current index providing

identifying information for the public as to any matter which is issued, adopted, or promulgated after July 4, 1967, and which is retained as a record and is required by § 2004.2 to be made available or published. Publication of an index is deemed both unnecessary and impractical. However, copies of the index are available upon request for a fee of the direct cost of duplication.

#### **§ 2004.12 Annual report to Congress.**

(a) On or before March 1st of each calendar year, a report of STR's activities over the preceding calendar year relating to the Freedom of Information Act will be submitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate.

(b) The above report will include:

(1) The number of determinations made by STR not to comply with requests for records made to it under the Act and the reasons for each such determination;

(2) The number of appeals made by persons under the Act, the results of such appeals, and the reasons for the action by STR upon each appeal that results in a denial of information;

(3) The names and titles or positions of each person responsible for the denial of records requested under the Act, and the number of instances of participation for each;

(4) The results of each (Civil Service Commission) proceeding conducted pursuant to the Act, including a report of the disciplinary action taken against the officer or employee who was primarily responsible for improperly withholding records or an explanation of why disciplinary action was not taken;

(5) A copy of every rule made by STR regarding the Act;

(6) A copy of the fee schedule and the total amount of fees collected by STR for making records available under the Act; and

(7) Such other information as indicates efforts by STR to administer fully the Act. (This should include, to the extent possible, data on the costs to STR of administering the Act.)

(c) STR, based in part on the information compiled for its annual report to Congress, will provide upon request