

change Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2451 et seq.). The provisions of this section shall not prohibit the United States Information Agency from responding to inquiries from members of the public about its operations, policies, or programs.”

1994—Pub. L. 103-236 inserted at end “The provisions of this section shall not prohibit the United States Information Agency from responding to inquiries from members of the public about its operations, policies, or programs.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 112-239 effective and applicable on the date that is 180 days after Jan. 2, 2013, see section 1078(e) of Pub. L. 112-239, set out as a note under section 1437 of this title.

### § 1461a. Omitted

#### CODIFICATION

Section, act Aug. 31, 1960, Pub. L. 86-678, title IV, 74 Stat. 569, which related to exchange of funds in connection with establishments abroad, was from the Departments of State and Justice, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 1961, and was not repeated in subsequent appropriation acts. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

July 13, 1959, Pub. L. 86-84, title IV, 73 Stat. 194.  
 June 30, 1958, Pub. L. 85-474, title IV, 72 Stat. 257.  
 June 11, 1957, Pub. L. 85-49, title IV, 71 Stat. 68.  
 June 20, 1956, ch. 414, title IV, 70 Stat. 312.  
 July 7, 1955, ch. 279, title IV, 69 Stat. 279.  
 July 2, 1954, ch. 456, title IV, 68 Stat. 432.

### § 1461b. Indemnification of owners of short-wave radio facilities against loss or damage

Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 1341, 1342, 1349 to 1351 and subchapter II of chapter 15 of title 31, the United States Information Agency is authorized, in making contracts for the use of international shortwave radio stations and facilities, to agree on behalf of the United States to indemnify the owners and operators of said radio stations and facilities from such funds as may be hereafter appropriated for the purpose against loss or damage on account of injury to persons or property arising from such use of said radio stations and facilities.

(Pub. L. 95-431, title V, §501, Oct. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 1041; Pub. L. 97-241, title III, §303(b), Aug. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 291.)

#### CODIFICATION

“Sections 1341, 1342, and 1349 to 1351 and subchapter II of chapter 15 of title 31” substituted in text for “section 3679 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (31 U.S.C. 665)” on authority of Pub. L. 97-258, §4(b), Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1067, the first section of which enacted Title 31, Money and Finance.

Section was enacted as part of appropriation act, cited as the credit to this section, and not as part of the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948 which comprises this chapter.

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Aug. 2, 1977, Pub. L. 95-86, title V, 91 Stat. 441.  
 July 14, 1976, Pub. L. 94-362, title V, 90 Stat. 960.  
 Oct. 21, 1975, Pub. L. 94-121, title V, 89 Stat. 639.  
 Oct. 5, 1974, Pub. L. 93-433, title V, 88 Stat. 1207.  
 Nov. 27, 1973, Pub. L. 93-162, title V, 87 Stat. 657.  
 Oct. 25, 1972, Pub. L. 92-544, title V, 86 Stat. 1132.  
 Aug. 10, 1971, Pub. L. 92-77, title V, 85 Stat. 269.  
 Oct. 21, 1970, Pub. L. 91-472, title V, 84 Stat. 1062.

Dec. 24, 1969, Pub. L. 91-153, title V, 83 Stat. 425.  
 Aug. 9, 1968, Pub. L. 90-470, title V, 82 Stat. 690.  
 Nov. 8, 1967, Pub. L. 90-133, title V, 81 Stat. 433.  
 Nov. 8, 1966, Pub. L. 89-797, title V, 80 Stat. 1504.  
 Sept. 2, 1965, Pub. L. 89-164, title V, 79 Stat. 643.  
 Aug. 31, 1964, Pub. L. 88-527, title V, 78 Stat. 734.  
 Dec. 30, 1963, Pub. L. 88-245, title V, 77 Stat. 800.  
 Oct. 18, 1962, Pub. L. 87-843, title V, 76 Stat. 1104.  
 Sept. 21, 1961, Pub. L. 87-264, title IV, 75 Stat. 557.  
 Aug. 31, 1960, Pub. L. 86-678, title IV, 74 Stat. 569.  
 July 13, 1959, Pub. L. 86-84, title IV, 73 Stat. 194.  
 June 30, 1958, Pub. L. 85-474, title IV, 72 Stat. 257.  
 June 11, 1957, Pub. L. 85-49, title IV, 71 Stat. 67.  
 June 20, 1956, ch. 414, title IV, 70 Stat. 312.  
 July 7, 1955, ch. 279, title IV, 69 Stat. 279.  
 July 2, 1954, ch. 456, title IV, 68 Stat. 432.

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

“United States Information Agency” substituted in text for “International Communication Agency” pursuant to section 303(b) of Pub. L. 97-241, set out as a note under section 1461 of this title. United States Information Agency (other than Broadcasting Board of Governors and International Broadcasting Bureau) abolished and functions transferred to Secretary of State, see sections 6531 and 6532 of this title.

### § 1461c. Omitted

#### CODIFICATION

Section, Pub. L. 90-470, title V, Aug. 9, 1968, 82 Stat. 690, which related to a one year extension to existing appointments and assignments to the Foreign Service Reserve for foreign information and educational activities which would otherwise have expired, was not repeated in subsequent appropriation acts. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Nov. 8, 1967, Pub. L. 90-133, title V, 81 Stat. 433.  
 Nov. 8, 1966, Pub. L. 89-797, title V, 80 Stat. 1504, 1505.  
 Sept. 2, 1965, Pub. L. 89-164, title V, 79 Stat. 643.  
 Aug. 31, 1964, Pub. L. 88-527, title V, 78 Stat. 734.  
 Dec. 30, 1963, Pub. L. 88-245, title V, 77 Stat. 800.  
 Oct. 18, 1962, Pub. L. 87-843, title V, 76 Stat. 1104.  
 Sept. 21, 1961, Pub. L. 87-264, title IV, 75 Stat. 558.  
 Aug. 31, 1960, Pub. L. 86-678, title IV, 74 Stat. 569.  
 July 13, 1959, Pub. L. 86-84, title IV, 73 Stat. 194.  
 June 30, 1958, Pub. L. 85-474, title IV, 72 Stat. 258.  
 June 11, 1957, Pub. L. 85-49, title IV, 71 Stat. 68.  
 June 20, 1956, ch. 414, title IV, 70 Stat. 312.  
 July 7, 1955, ch. 279, title IV, 69 Stat. 279.  
 July 2, 1954, ch. 456, title IV, 68 Stat. 432.

### § 1462. Policies governing information activities

In authorizing international information activities under this chapter, it is the sense of the Congress (1) that the Secretary and the Broadcasting Board of Governors shall reduce such Government information activities whenever corresponding private information dissemination is found to be adequate; (2) that nothing in this chapter shall be construed to give the Department or the Broadcasting Board of Governors a monopoly in the production or sponsorship on the air of short-wave broadcasting programs, or a monopoly in any other medium of information.

(Jan. 27, 1948, ch. 36, title V, §502, 62 Stat. 10; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, §1078(d)(1), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1958.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2013—Pub. L. 112-239 inserted “and the Broadcasting Board of Governors” after “Secretary” and “or the Broadcasting Board of Governors” after “Department”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 112-239 effective and applicable on the date that is 180 days after Jan. 2, 2013, see