

The Secretaries of State and Defense, and the Director of National Intelligence shall perform such functions in a manner consistent with the President's constitutional authority to withhold information the disclosure of which could impair foreign relations, national security, the deliberative processes of the Executive, or the performance of the Executive's constitutional duties.

Any reference in this memorandum to the provision of any Act shall be deemed to include references to any hereafter-enacted provision of law that is the same or substantially the same as such provision.

The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

§ 302. Scope of delegation of functions

The authority conferred by this chapter shall apply to any function vested in the President by law if such law does not affirmatively prohibit delegation of the performance of such function as herein provided for, or specifically designate the officer or officers to whom it may be delegated. This chapter shall not be deemed to limit or derogate from any existing or inherent right of the President to delegate the performance of functions vested in him by law, and nothing herein shall be deemed to require express authorization in any case in which such an official would be presumed in law to have acted by authority or direction of the President.

(Added Oct. 31, 1951, ch. 655, §10, 65 Stat. 712.)

SIMILAR PROVISIONS; REPEAL; SAVING CLAUSE

For similar provisions contained in prior law, and saving clause in connection therewith, see note preceding section 301 of this title.

§ 303. Definitions

As used in this chapter, the term "function" embraces any duty, power, responsibility, authority, or discretion vested in the President or other officer concerned, and the terms "perform" and "performance" may be construed to mean "exercise".

(Added Oct. 31, 1951, ch. 655, §10, 65 Stat. 712.)

SIMILAR PROVISIONS; REPEAL; SAVING CLAUSE

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SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 401. Definitions

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, as used in this chapter:

(1) BOARD.—The term "Board" means the Merit Systems Protection Board under chapter 12 of title 5.

(2) COVERED EMPLOYEE.—The term "covered employee" means any employee of an employing office.

(3) EMPLOYEE.—The term "employee" includes an applicant for employment and a former employee.

(4) EMPLOYING OFFICE.—The term "employing office" means—

(A) each office, agency, or other component of the Executive Office of the President;

(B) the Executive Residence at the White House; and

(C) the official residence (temporary or otherwise) of the Vice President.

(b) DEFINITIONS RELATING TO CERTAIN MATTERS.—For purposes of applying this chapter with respect to any practice or other matter—

¹ So in original. Does not conform to section catchline.