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Privacy Notice

The Central Intelligence Agency is committed to protecting your privacy and will collect no personal information about you unless you choose to provide that information to us.

If you simply browse our Web site:

When you visit the Central Intelligence Agency Web site to browse information it contains, you do so anonymously unless you choose to provide us information about yourself. If you do nothing during your visit but browse through the Web site—reading pages, viewing photographs, or downloading information for example—we will gather and store certain information about your visit automatically. **This information does not identify you personally.**

This gathering and storing of information is separate from the activity described as monitoring in our Security Notice.

Information gathered automatically is used for, among other things, site management, compiling reports of usage statistics, and, in the case of suspected unauthorized activity, for law enforcement and possible criminal prosecution.

The following are representative of the types of information automatically collected and stored about your visit:

- the Internet domain and Internet Protocol (IP) address from which you access our Web site;
- the type of Internet browser and the operating system of the computer you use to access our site;
- the date and time you visit our site;
- the pages you visit on our site;
- if you linked to our Web site from another Web site, the address of that Web site;
- and, if you linked to our Web site from a search Web site, the address of that Web site and the search term you used.

If you submit a resume online:

The resume data you do submit will be used for employment consideration only and will be stored in an internal resume tracking system for one year. Your data is only available internally to a limited number of hiring officials and, unless you authorize the CIA to share it with other federal hiring officials by answering 'yes' to the relevant question on the resume form, it will not be shared with any other people or organizations internally or externally. The only exception to this policy is described in our Security Notice below.

The authority for soliciting your Social Security Number (SSN) is Executive Order 9397. Since other people may have the same name and birth date, your SSN will be used to identify you precisely. Although disclosure of your SSN is not mandatory, your failure to do so will impede completion of your application.

If you send us an e-mail using our comment form:

Except as otherwise indicated, if you choose to submit a question or comment using our online form and provide us your name and e-mail or postal address, we will use that information only to respond to your question or comment.

- We will not share your name, e-mail, or postal address with any third

party, other than as described below in our Security Notice.

- We will not create individual profiles with the information that you have provided.
- Under no circumstances will we give your name, e-mail, or postal address to any any private organization, commercial or otherwise.

If you choose to offer information or assistance to the CIA in the pursuit of its foreign intelligence mission by using our online form, we will make appropriate inquiries to determine the accuracy of your information. In addition, we may share the information you provide with other appropriate entities to enable the CIA to carry out its legally authorized responsibilities. By providing information or assistance to the CIA through our online form, you expressly consent to our use of whatever information you provide via our Web site.

Privacy Act Statement:

Authorities: 50 U.S.C. 403-4; 50 U.S.C. 403-4a(d); 50 U.S.C. 403a-g.

Principal Uses: Information collected via the CIA Web site is used to: 1) process employment applications from individuals who choose to submit their resumes through the CIA's online resume form; 2) provide e-mail notifications of substantive updates to the CIA Web site to subscribers who request this service; and 3) provide information in response to comments or questions when a response is requested by the person submitting the comment or question; and 4) assist the CIA in the fulfillment of its foreign intelligence mission.

Routine Uses: Information collected via the CIA Web site may be provided to law enforcement agencies as described in our Security Notice, and may be disclosed pursuant to the CIA's "Statement of General Routine Uses" published in the Federal Register.

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- A session cookie is set when a visitor first visits the CIA home page. This cookie ensures the words “Central Intelligence Agency” in the CIA home page banner -- and the accompanying sound effects -- play only once per browser session.
- ForeSee Results conducts a visitor survey to help CIA recruiters evaluate the usefulness of the CIA Careers page to visitors. ForeSee Results' survey mechanism uses a session cookie to track how many Careers pages each visitor views. A percentage of visitors are offered an opportunity to complete a survey after viewing several pages. ForeSee Results uses the session cookie to track how many pages a visitor views and to ensure the visitor is presented the survey only once during a browser session. Neither the CIA nor ForeSee Results collects personal information from visitors completing the survey nor will either track any visitor once they have left the CIA Careers Web site.
- Session cookies are set when a visitor visits the CIA World Factbook. These cookies maintain the appearance of expandable sections on country pages, reference pages, and the FAQ page.
- Session cookies are set when a visitor visits the CIA Career Application Center. These cookies maintain the users' session status while completing their resume.

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Computer Fraud and Abuse Act

Unauthorized attempts to upload information and/or change information on the Central Intelligence Agency Web site is strictly prohibited and is subject to prosecution under Title 18 U.S.C., Sections 1001 and 1030.

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Kids' Page: Notice for Parents

We established a kids' page in compliance with the President's April 18, 1997, Memorandum for Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies, Subject: Expanding Access to Internet-based Educational Resources for Children, Teachers, and Parents.

We encourage parents and teachers to be involved in children's Internet explorations. The Central Intelligence Agency Kids' Page provides information about the Nation's intelligence efforts as well as other fun things for kids to do. We do not ask for nor collect any information regarding children's visits to the Kids' Page other than as stated in the Privacy Notice. The information collected as stated in the Privacy Notice does not differentiate between adults and children.

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The FOIA Electronic Reading Room offers an Internet-based database containing recently declassified documents on a wide variety of issues. Many of the referenced documents are available for viewing as full text images of the original document. In addition to the FOIA Electronic Reading Room, the Agency's Library contains a Related Links section that includes links to the National Archives Records Administration and other sites where

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