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In enacting the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) in 1966, Congress provided for broad disclosure of agency records. Although nine specific exemptions were included in the statute, they did not adequately address the Central Intelligence Agency's concern for security. Under the original FOIA, the CIA was required to search and assemble information which would otherwise remain compartmented, even though it was often clear that most or all of the information would fall within a statutory exception. The Central Intelligence Agency Information Act addresses many of the concerns of the CIA, as well as those held by public interest groups who support increased public access to intelligence information utilized by policymakers. This article examines the application of FOIA to national security information, and the circumstances which led to the enactment of the Central Intelligence Agency Act. It discusses major provisions of the Act and those aspects of legislative history which are likely to affect judicial interpretation of the Act.

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The Virginia State Corporation Commission is probably the most powerful agency in the Commonwealth. The SCC has legislative, judicial, and administrative authority. Its jurisdiction includes regulation of railroads, and telephone, telegraph, water, gas and electric utilities, motor carriers, financial institutions, the insurance and securities industries, as well as administration of the laws governing all corporations doing business in Virginia. As such, SCC policies have a significant impact on the business and personal lives of many Virginians. In this article Commission Chairman Elizabeth Lacy provides a brief and insightful view of the SCC's structure, procedures, responsibilities and policies. Chairman Lacy also examines some of the complex issues facing the Commission today.

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