

12 FAM 000 AUTHORITY AND LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES

12 FAM 010 SCOPE AND AUTHORITY

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12 FAM 011 MISSION

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The mission of the Bureau of Diplomatic Security is to provide a safe and secure environment for the conduct of U.S. foreign policy.

12 FAM 012 LEGAL AUTHORITIES

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a. The Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986 (Pub.L. 99-399; 22 U.S.C. 4801, et seq. (1986)) established the Bureau of Diplomatic Security within the Department of State.

b. The security functions of the Secretary of State, as delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security, are set forth in 22 U.S.C. 4802(a).

c. The legal authorities for the establishment of the Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) are 22 U.S.C. 4802(a)(2)(B)(vi) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub.L. 92-463) 5 U.S.C. App. (See 12 FAM 023 .)

d. The legal authority for the operation of the Overseas Security Policy Board (OSPB) [formerly known as Overseas Security Policy Group (OSPG)] is found at 22 U.S.C. 4805 and Presidential Decision Directive/NSC - 29 (September 16, 1994).

e. The legal authorities for the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Program (12 FAM 050) are:

- (1) The Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552;
- (2) The Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a; and
- (3) E.O. 12958 (National Security Information).

f. Title III of the Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986 (22 U.S.C. 4831-4835), as amended, provides that the Secretary of State shall convene accountability review boards. (See 12 FAM 033.1 .)

g. Section 140(c) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995, Pub.L. 103-236 (April 30, 1994), as amended by Section 1(d) of Pub.L. 103-415 (October 25, 1994), provides that the Secretary shall convene an accountability review board in certain circumstances when a terrorist act is committed in the United States by an alien. (See 12 FAM 033 .)

12 FAM 013 THROUGH 019 UNASSIGNED