

**TITLE 22 - FOREIGN RELATIONS AND INTERCOURSE**  
**CHAPTER 18 - UNITED STATES INFORMATION AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS**  
**SUBCHAPTER V - DISSEMINATION ABROAD OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNITED STATES**

**§ 1461–1a. Ban on domestic activities by United States Information Agency**

Except as provided in section 1461 of this title and this section, no funds authorized to be appropriated to the United States Information Agency shall be used to influence public opinion in the United States, and no program material prepared by the United States Information Agency shall be distributed within the United States. This section shall not apply to programs carried out pursuant to the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange 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.

(Pub. L. 99–93, title II, § 208, Aug. 16, 1985, 99 Stat. 431; Pub. L. 103–236, title II, § 232, Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 424.)

**References in Text**

The Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 87–256, Sept. 21, 1961, 75 Stat. 527, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 33 (§ 2451 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2451 of this title and Tables.

**Codification**

Section was enacted as part of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1986 and 1987, and not as part of the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948 which comprises this chapter.

**Amendments**

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.”

**Transfer of Functions**

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.