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Posted in group: **FOIA Advisory Committee**Kirsten Mitchell, Designated Federal Officer for this committee, by email at *foia-advisory-committee@nara.gov*

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Dear NARA,

The report authorities should include the first amendment right to know what the government is doing. Also, NARA should provide training to state, territory, possession, freely associated state, Commonwealth, and controlled areas' archivists. When Japan or Taiwan (Formosa) obtain to NARA accessions, NARA should ensure NARA retains digital copies of the materials foreign archivists scan and copy at NARA. Private contractors working with NARA should be required to provide free access without requiring social media accounts to access. Agencies using private contractors should not be allowed to return FOIA decisions such as: overbroad and thus not properly submitted, or, the request uses magical words such relates to or relating to and thus is not properly formulated and uttered. All personnel email information provided free to Leadership Directories, which that firm then turns around and sells to the US Government should be provided free to the public without limitation. If Leadership Directories gets all an agency's phone directory, the public should too. NARA should work with tribal governments to ensure the First Nations' heritage is properly preserved. NARA should ensure that the USCAR Okinawa military government and naval government records are available through NARA web links and not only Japanese archival databases.

NARA should ensure that one can download an entire pdf file of images instead of only being able to download one image at a time in archives.gov.

NARA should ensure that Privacy Act requests do not require physical submission of an Affidavit of Identity claiming American citizenship, but may instead use an email option under 28 USC 1746(2), to attest to the Requester's identity.

NARA should develop a people's petition page where a quorum or valence of the public could request NARA to make accessions available online.

NARA should work with the Courts to digitalize court dockets, and include independent researchers as freelancers in such efforts to maximize their unique knowledge and experience skill sets.

NARA should have an international archives webpage portal to introduce Americans to counterpart institutions abroad.

No FOIA request should be denied without submission to subject matter experts and conduct of at least one actual search.

Respectfully,

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Tainan, FORMOSA, occupied JAPAN, West Pacific, USA

22 CFR 120.13, 22 USC 619, 22 USC 611(m), 22 CFR 51.1, 18 USC 3185, Neely v Henkel