

**DISCLOSURE REPORT FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION
PURSUANT TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION 6103(p)(3)(C)
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1996**

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INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Internal Revenue Code section 6103(p)(3)(C), the Secretary of the Treasury shall, within 90 days after the close of each calendar year, furnish to the Joint Committee on Taxation for disclosure to the public a report which provides with respect to each Federal agency and certain other entities the number of: (1) requests for disclosure of returns and return information (as such terms are defined in section 6103(b)); (2) instances in which returns and return information were disclosed pursuant to such requests or otherwise; and (3) taxpayers whose returns, or return information with respect to whom, were disclosed pursuant to such requests. In addition, the report must describe the general purposes for which such requests were made.

The information in this document¹ has been prepared by the Internal Revenue Service for calendar year 1996 and has been furnished to the Joint Committee on Taxation as required by section 6103(p)(3)(C).

Copies of reports covering prior calendar years are available and may be obtained by submitting a written request to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Taxation.

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**CY 1996 Volume of Disclosures of Tax Returns and/or Return Information Required
to be Accounted for Pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 6103(p)(3)(A)**

<u>Disclosure To/For</u>	<u>IR Code Section 6103 Subsections</u>		<u>Number of Disclosures by Type</u>	<u>Total Number of Disclosures</u>
States	(d)	*(1)	1,346,701,887	1,347,557,443
		** (2)	<u>855,556</u>	
Congressional Committees and/or their agents including GAO Representatives	(f)	(1)	312,578,520	312,583,740
		(2)	<u>5,220</u>	
Tax Checks	(c)	(2)	5,785	5,785
Federal Agencies Department of Justice	(h)(3)(B)	(2)	92	92
Prospective Jurors	(h)(5)	(2)	2,720	2,720
Federal Agencies US Attorneys FBI Other	(i)(1)	(2)	42,307	44,834
		(2)	617	
		(2)	<u>1,910</u>	
Federal Agencies US Attorneys Secret Service	(i)(2)	(2)	30	103
		(2)	<u>73</u>	
Federal Agencies Department of Justice Social Security Administration Other	(i)(3)	(2)	18	44
		(2)	11	
		(2)	<u>15</u>	
Federal Agencies U.S. Attorney	(i)(5)	(2)	3	3
General Accounting Office	(i)(7)	(1)	340,224,544	340,618,234
		(2)	<u>393,690</u>	

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Statistical Use	(j)			
Department of Commerce				
Bureau of Census	(j)(1)(A)	(1)	280,932,442	
Bureau of Economic Analysis	(j)(1)(B)	(1)	<u>1,440,000</u>	
				282,372,442
Foreign Countries				
Tax Treaty Authority	(k)(4)	(2)	1,152,178	1,152,178
Federal Agencies	(l)(2)			
Department of Labor		(1)	50,158	
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp.		(1)	5,863	
Department of Labor		(2)	472	
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp.		(2)	<u>804</u>	
				57,297
Federal Agencies				
Various	(l)(3)	(2)	985	985
Department of Treasury	(l)(4)(A)	(2)	1,217	1,217
Employees				
Child Support Enforcement Agencies	(l)(6)			
Group I Information		(1)	2,482,290	
Group II Information		(1)	<u>4,639,242</u>	
				7,121,532
Subtitle E Taxes	(o)(1)	(2)	47	47
Totals				
Tape Extracts		(1)	2,289,054,946	
Other Disclosures		(2)	2,463,750	
				2,291,518,696

*(1) Tape Extracts - disclosures made from extracts of Master File tapes.

***(2) Other Disclosures - disclosures made by furnishing transcripts of records, permitting inspection of records, furnishing photocopies of records, oral disclosures, and disclosures by means of correspondence without furnishing a copy of the record. Also includes disclosures from locally automated files.

Explanation of Internal Revenue Code Section 6103
(General Purpose for Disclosure)

IR Code Section 6103

Purpose of Disclosure

- (c) Disclosure of return and return information to designee of taxpayer.
- (d) Disclosure to State tax officials having responsibility for administering State tax laws.
- (f) Disclosure to Committees of Congress or their agents.
- (h)(3)(B) Disclosure of returns and return information for tax administration purposes upon written request from Department of Justice.
- (h)(5) Disclosure as to whether prospective juror in judicial tax proceedings has or has not been the subject of any tax investigation.
- (i)(1) Disclosure of returns or return information to Federal officers or employees upon grant of an ex parte order by a Federal district court judge or magistrate for use in nontax criminal investigations.
- (i)(2) Disclosure of return information other than taxpayer return information to Federal officers or employees for use in nontax criminal investigations, upon request by the head of the agency or Inspector General thereof (or designated officials of the Department of Justice).
- (i)(3) Disclosure of return information to apprise Federal agencies of possible criminal activities or emergency situations.
- (i)(5) Disclosure to Federal agency to locate fugitive from justice.
- (i)(7) Disclosure to the General Accounting Office for making audits of the IRS.

Explanation of Internal Revenue Code Section 6103 (Continued)

<u>IR Code Section 6103</u>	<u>Purpose of Disclosure</u>
(j)(1)(A)	Disclosure to the Department of Commerce for statistical use by the Bureau of the Census in activities authorized by law.
(j)(1)(B)	Disclosure to the Department of Commerce of corporation information for statistical use by the Bureau of Economic Analysis in activities authorized by law.
(k)(4)	Disclosure to competent authority of a foreign government which has an income tax convention with the United States.
(l)(2)	Disclosure of returns and return information to the Department of Labor and Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation for administration of Titles I and IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.
(l)(3)	Disclosure of tax delinquent account indicator to Federal agencies to determine creditworthiness of a Federal loan applicant.
(l)(4)(A)	Disclosure of returns and return information for use in personnel or claimant representative matters by employees of the Department of the Treasury, practitioners or their representatives involved in such actions.
(l)(6)	Disclosure of return information to Federal, State and local child support enforcement agencies for use in establishing and collecting child support obligations from, and locating, individuals owing such obligations.
(o)(1)	Disclosure of returns and return information with respect to taxes imposed by Subtitle E (relating to taxes on alcohol, tobacco and firearms) to Federal employees whose official duties require access to such information.