



AGENCY PUBLICATION COLLECTION

Summary

The materials in this collection were created by USCIS or one of its predecessor agencies. The collection is in English. The collection is housed in fifteen (15) linear feet of vertical filing.

Access and Use

Materials are housed in the USCIS History Office and Library and are non-circulating. Access is available during normal business hours; research appointments are preferred.

Open Line, [Commissioner's Communique](#), [Monthly Review](#), [I&N Reporter/INS Reporter](#), and [INS Information Bulletin](#) have been digitized. Those linked above are available to read and download through the History Office and Library's online catalog.

When referencing the collection please use the following citation: [Publication Name, volume/issue, year], Agency Publications Collection. USCIS History Office and Library, Department of Homeland Security, Camp Springs, MD.

Background Information

Monthly Review. Started in 1943, the purpose of this periodical was to “assist petitioners for naturalization, and to inform employees of the Service and other interested persons of its activities.” It also served as “a current record of policies and practices adopted to meet new problems.” Vol. V ended with issue 8 and the *Monthly Review* suspended publication from March until June 1948 because the INS Central Office moved from Philadelphia to Washington, DC.

INS Information Bulletin. Started in July 1951, it was a weekly publication delivered to employees for the intent of keeping them better informed of developments in all parts of the service. It was considered “Restricted” material.

I&N Reporter. Started in 1952, the publication was to “supplement and advance that part of the work concerned with aliens seeking to become citizens of our beloved country.” It featured articles about immigration, citizenship, recent court decisions and statistics. The name changed to *INS Reporter* in 1976.

Open Line. Started in 1974 and published by the Central Office of INS. Material in this newsletter came from the Commissioner's Office and kept employees up to date on what the Commissioner was doing. The name changed over the years, but the intent remained the same. Names: *Open Line: keeping you informed*, 1974-77; *Commissioner's Communique*, 1978-1994; *INS Communique*, 1995-1998; *Communique*, 1999-2002.

New Digests were publications put together with public articles about INS, immigration, naturalization, or citizenship news. Depending on the publication, they were circulated daily, weekly, or monthly.



Also featured in the collection are a few focused newsletters from geographical districts as well as different departments within the agency. These are not comprehensive.

Scope and Content

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Arrangement

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