



SOCIAL SECURITY

Refer to:
S9H: QB5170

August 10, 2007

[REDACTED]
Plantation, FL [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

This letter is in response to your June 4, 2007, Freedom of Information Act request for information relating to currency and treasury securities secured against a specific Social Security number (SSN) and card.

Questions 1 and 2: The Social Security program does not operate as a defined contribution plan where your taxes have been used to purchase assets which are identifiable as your own. All Social Security taxes that are collected are used to pay Social Security benefits and administrative expenses. Any taxes not immediately needed for benefits or administrative expenses are used to buy U.S. Government bonds, which are deposited in the Social Security Trust Funds. There is no particular SSN associated with any bond purchase. Therefore, the information you requested in your first two questions does not exist.

Question 3: I am unaware of any publication that describes the purpose and use of the serial number shown on the back of the Social Security card. That is an internal number used by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to ensure proper issuance of the SSN.

Question 4.1: Only the number holder is authorized to use their properly issued Social Security card.

Question 4.2: All individuals born in the United States and those lawfully admitted for citizenship or for legal employment must be issued an SSN.

Question 4.3: The SSN's are referred to as "My Number" because although the Social Security card and SSN are the property of SSA, the number is assigned to an individual, thereby making it that individual's SSN.

Question 4.4: The reference to "My Number" simply means that a specific number was assigned to a specific individual.

Question 4.5: A person applying for an SSN retains their "character and classification" as an individual and retains all rights as a private and not a public person in relation to all interactions that person may have with the Federal government.

Question 4.6: The use of an SSN for in connection with a financial activity or for any purposes unrelated to Social Security are usually mandated by other federal, state or local laws. For example, use of the SSN for bank accounts is not mandated by Social Security law, but rather by the tax law.

Question 4.7: There are numerous laws, regulations and other statutes that govern the lawful, and in some instances mandate, use of SSN's. More information can be found by accessing our website at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Question 5: There are numerous forms available by going to our website at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Question 5.1: SSA does not track or update its records to change an alien's status because he or she is no longer engaged in a trade or business. That issue is under the purview off the Internal Review Service (IRS). "Nonresident alien" is a term used by IRS, not by SSA or the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Question 5.2: Once an alien is issued an SSN, that number is theirs for life, even if their status changes. SSA does not reissue an SSN to another individual.

Question 5.3: Again, "nonresident alien" is not a term used by SSA and, therefore, has no policy associated with it. If an alien's DHS immigration status changes (regardless of whether IRS considers them a resident or non-resident alien for income tax purposes), it may impact on the type of SSN card he or she qualifies for. The individual has the responsibility of contacting SSA to update or change their SSA records.

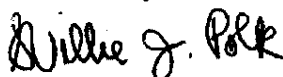
Question 6: It is not clear what you are requesting with this question. You may want to discuss this question with your local Social Security office. The following offices are closest to your address: Shoppes of Wiltonmanor, 2276 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305-2132 (954-630-3688) and 3511 N. Pine Island Road, Sunrise, FL 33351 (954-741-9329).

Question 7: I have responded to all of your questions.

No information has been exempt from release and there is no charge for this information.

If you disagree with this decision, you may request a review. Mail your appeal within 30 days after you receive this letter to the Executive Director for the Office of Public Disclosure, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235. Mark the envelope "Freedom of Information Appeal."

Sincerely,



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Freedom of Information Officer

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