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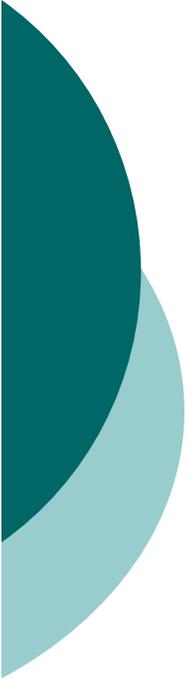
**INFORMATION  
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# What is the Information Resource Center?

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- The Information Resource Center (IRC) is the research and reference service of the U.S. Embassy, specializing in current U.S. policy, legislation, trade, social and cultural issues.
- The IRC emphasizes electronic information resources rather than books. The advantage of information in electronic format is that searches for specific information can be made easily and quickly. A collection of online data sources is supplemented by access to Internet databases.



# Available Databases

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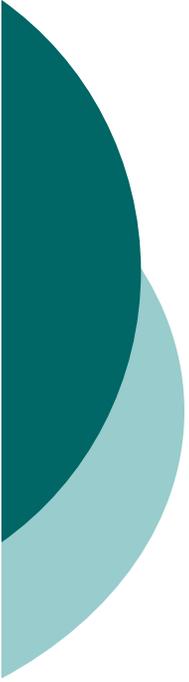
- **Lexis-Nexis**: a legislative service which provides on-line access to U.S. federal legislation, many reference and full-text databases.
- **Federal News Service (FNS)**: provides transcripts to testimony, briefings, press conferences, and congressional hearings with questions and answers. FNS also produces a daybook that details significant events in Washington as well as cabinet officer schedules.



## Available Databases (Cont.)

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- **GaleNet**: a one-stop shopping database for Gale Research products available on the World Wide Web. This covers Encyclopedia of Associations; Contemporary Authors; Research Centers Family of Directories; Directories of Publications & Broadcast Media.
- **Factiva**: Access to over 6,000 full text periodicals as well as major news sources, such as Reuters, the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times.



## Available Databases Cont.

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- **First Search** provides access to more than 55 databases. This powerful tool increases the availability of reference information by providing seamless access to bibliographic, abstract, and full-text information with photographs and other images.



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