An organization formed by the ICRC[^1] to collect all the information it can obtain through official or private channels respecting prisoners of war[^2] and protected civilian persons[^3], particularly those subject to internment[^4], and to transmit it to their country of origin or of residence or to the Power on which they depend, except where such transmission might be detrimental to the persons whom the information concerns or to their relatives.

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