

with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Section. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the NASD. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NASD-2004-118 and should be submitted on or before September 22, 2004.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹²

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

Sentencing Guidelines for United States Courts

AGENCY: United States Sentencing Commission.

ACTION: Notice of final priorities.

SUMMARY: In June 2004, the Commission published a notice of possible policy priorities for the amendment cycle ending May 1, 2005. See 69 FR 36148 (June 28, 2004). After reviewing public comment received pursuant to the notice of proposed priorities, the Commission has identified its policy priorities for the upcoming amendment cycle and hereby gives notice of these policy priorities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Courlander, Public Affairs Officer, Telephone: (202) 502-4590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Sentencing Commission, an independent commission in the judicial branch of the United States Government, is authorized by 28 U.S.C. 994(a) to promulgate sentencing guidelines and policy statements for federal courts. Section 994 also directs the Commission periodically to review

and revise promulgated guidelines and authorizes it to submit guideline amendments to Congress not later than the first day of May each year. See 28 U.S.C. 994(o), (p).

As part of its statutory authority and responsibility to analyze sentencing issues, including operation of the federal sentencing guidelines, the Commission has identified its policy priorities for the amendment cycle ending May 1, 2005, and possibly continuing into the amendment cycle ending May 1, 2006. While the Commission intends to address these priority issues, it recognizes that other factors, most notably the resolution of *United States v. Booker*, ___ F.3d ___, 2004, WL 1535858 (7th Cir. 2004), cert. granted, ___ S.Ct. ___, 2004 WL 1713654 (Aug. 2, 2004) (No. 04-104) and *United States v. Fanfan*, 2004 WL 1723114 (D. Me. June 28, 2004), cert. granted, ___ S.Ct. ___, 2004 WL 1713655 (Aug. 2, 2004) (No. 04-105), both of which currently are pending before the United States Supreme Court, as well as the enactment of any legislation requiring Commission action, may affect the Commission's ability to complete work on any or all of the identified policy priorities by the statutory deadline of May 1, 2005.

The Commission's policy priorities for the upcoming amendment cycle are as follows:

(1) Implementation of crime legislation enacted during the second session of the 108th Congress warranting a Commission response;

(2) Continuation of its policy work regarding immigration offenses, specifically, offenses under §§ 2L1.1 (Smuggling, Transporting, or Harboring an Unlawful Alien), and 2L1.2 (Unlawfully Entering or Remaining in the United States), and Chapter Two, Part L, Subpart 2 (Naturalization and Passports), which also may involve the formation of an ad hoc advisory group on immigration offenses;

(3) Completion of its work on the "15 Year Study," which is composed of a number of projects geared toward analyzing the guidelines in light of the goals of sentencing reform described in the Sentencing Reform Act;

(4) Continuation of its multi-year research and policy work, and possible guideline amendments, relating to Chapter Four (Criminal History and Criminal Livelihood), which may include (a) assessment of the calculation of criminal history points for first time offenders and offenders who are in the highest criminal history categories; (b) assessment of the criminal history rules for the inclusion or exclusion of certain prior offenses; (c) assessment of the

criminal history rules for related cases; and (d) consideration of other application issues relating to simplifying the operation of Chapter Four;

(5) Continued review of data regarding the incidence of downward departures and fast-track programs, in view of the PROTECT Act;

(6) Continuation of its work with Congress and other interested parties on cocaine sentencing policy in view of the Commission's 2002 report to Congress, *Cocaine and Federal Sentencing Policy*;

(7) A general review of the firearms guidelines in Chapter Two, Part K (Offenses Involving Public Safety), including an assessment of non-MANPADS destructive devices;

(8) Consideration of policy statements pertaining to motions under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A)(i) for sentence reductions for "extraordinary and compelling reasons";

(9) A general review of, and possible amendments pertaining to, hazardous materials, and possibly other environmental offenses under Chapter Two, Part Q (Offenses Involving the Environment);

(10) Continued monitoring of, and/or possible amendments pertaining to, section 5 of the CAN-SPAM Act, Pub. L. 108-187;

(11) Other miscellaneous and limited issues pertaining to the operation of the sentencing guidelines, including (a) resolution of a number of circuit conflicts, including the circuit conflict regarding the definition of "felony", as incorporated into § 2K2.6 (Possessing, Purchasing, or Owning Body Armor by Violent Felons) effective November 1, 2004; (b) continuation of policy work regarding offenses involving gamma-butyrolactone (GBL), a precursor for gamma-hydroxybutyric acid (GHB), sentenced under § 2D1.11 (Unlawfully Distributing, Importing, Exporting or Possessing a Listed Chemical; Attempt or Conspiracy); (c) simulated controlled substances; (d) structural issues regarding the Sentencing Table in Chapter Five, Part A, particularly "cliff-like" effects occurring between levels 42 and 43, and a possible adjustment to the offense level computation when the offense level exceeds level 43; (e) commentary regarding the appropriate starting point for departures under § 5K1.1 (Substantial Assistance), particularly in cases in which the government has moved for relief from imposition of an otherwise applicable mandatory minimum term of imprisonment; (f) commentary to § 3C1.1 (Obstructing or Impeding the Administration of Justice) regarding

¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

encryption; and (g) counterespionage offenses under 18 U.S.C. 951.

(12) Amendments to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure regarding retroactivity, public access to Commission materials, and access to nonpublic Commission meetings.

Authority: 28 U.S.C. 994(a), (o); USSC Rules of Practice and Procedure 5.2.

Ricardo Hinojosa,
Chair.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Region 1—Maine District Advisory Council; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration Region 1 Advisory Council, located in the geographical area of Augusta, Maine will be hosting a public meeting on Tuesday, October 19, 2004, at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held at the U.S. Small Business Administration, Maine District Office, 68 Sewall Street, Room 510, Augusta, Maine, to discuss such matters as may be presented by members, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or others present.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this meeting, please write or contact Mary McAleney, District Director, U.S. Small Business Administration, 68 Sewall Street, Room 512, Augusta, Maine 04330, (207) 622-8386 phone, (207) 622-8277 fax.

Matthew K. Becker,
Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4808]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Calder-Miro"

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority

No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 (68 FR 19875), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Calder-Miro," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Phillips Collection, Washington, DC, from on or about October 9, 2004, to January 23, 2005, and at possible additional venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Julianne Simpson, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State, (telephone: (202) 619-6529). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: August 23, 2004.

C. Miller Crouch,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4807]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Drawn by the Brush: Oil Sketches by Peter Paul Rubens"

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 19875], I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition Drawn by the Brush: Oil Sketches by Peter Paul Rubens," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan

agreements with the foreign owners. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Bruce Museum of Arts and Sciences, Greenwich, Connecticut, from on or about September 17, 2004 until on or about January 2, 2005, at the Berkeley Museum of Art/Pacific Film Archive, Berkeley, California, from on or about January 26, 2005 until on or about April 24, 2005, at the Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati Ohio, from on or about May 20 until on or about August 28, 2005, and at possible additional venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact the Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State, (telephone: 202/619-6982). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: August 24, 2004.

C. Miller Crouch,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4806]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition; Determinations: "Golden Children: Four Centuries of European Portraits From the Yannick and Ben Jakober Foundation"

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 19875], I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Golden Children: Four Centuries of European Portraits from the Yannick and Ben Jakober Foundation," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign owners. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibition