

conflict irrespective of how the conflict was identified.

Effective Date: This Ruling is effective on the date of its publication in the **Federal Register**. The clarified standard stated in this ruling with respect to inquiring about possible conflicts applies on the effective date of the ruling to all claims for disability benefits in which a hearing before an ALJ has not yet been held, or that is pending a hearing before an ALJ on remand. The clarified standard on resolving identified conflicts applies to all claims for disability or blindness benefits on the effective date of the ruling.

Cross-References: SSR 82-41, "Titles II and XVI: Work Skills and Their Transferability as Intended by the Expanded Vocational Factors Regulations Effective February 26, 1979," SSR 82-61, "Titles II and XVI: Past Relevant Work—The Particular Job or the Occupation as Generally Performed," SSR 82-62, "Titles II and XVI: A Disability Claimant's Capacity to Do Past Relevant Work, In General," SSR 83-10, "Titles II and XVI: Determining Capability to Do Other Work—The Medical-Vocational Rules of Appendix 2," SSR 83-12, "Titles II and XVI: Capability to Do Other Work—The Medical-Vocational Rules as a Framework for Evaluating Exertional Limitations Within a Range of Work or Between Ranges of Work," SSR 83-14, "Titles II and XVI: Capability to do Other Work—The Medical-Vocational Rules as a Framework for Evaluating a Combination of Exertional and Nonexertional Impairments," and SSR 85-15, "Titles II and XVI: Capability to Do Other Work—The Medical-Vocational Rules as a Framework for Evaluating Solely Nonexertional Impairments"; AR 90-3(4), 837 F.2d 635 (4th Cir. 1987)—Use of Vocational Experts or Other Vocational Specialist in Determining Whether a Claimant Can Perform Past Relevant Work—Titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act; Program Operations Manual System, Part 04, sections DI 25001.001, DI 25005.001, DI 25020.001–DI 25020.015, and DI 25025.001–DI 25025.005.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Office of the Secretary

[Public Notice: 3488]

Extension of the Restriction of the Use of United States Passports for Travel to, in, or Through Libya

On December 11, 1981, pursuant to the authority of 22 U.S.C. 211a and Executive Order 11295 (31 FR 10603), and in accordance with 22 CFR 51.73 (a)(3), all United States passports were declared invalid for travel to, in or through Libya unless specifically validated for such travel. This restriction has been renewed yearly because of the unsettled relations between the United States and the Government of Libya and the possibility of hostile acts against Americans in Libya.

In light of these events and circumstances, I have determined that Libya continues to be an area " * * * where there is imminent danger to the public health or physical safety of United States travelers" within the meaning of 22 U.S.C. 211a and 22 CFR 51.73(a)(3).

Accordingly, all United States passports shall remain invalid for travel to, in or through Libya unless specifically validated for such travel under the authority of the Secretary of State.

The Public Notice shall be effective upon publication in the **Federal Register** and shall expire at midnight November 24, 2001, unless extended or sooner revoked by Public Notice.

Dated: November 22, 2000.

Madeleine K. Albright,

Secretary of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3487]

Privacy Act of 1974; Altered System of Records

Notice is hereby given that the Department of State proposes to alter two existing systems of records, STATE-35 and STATE-40, pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 522a (r)), and the Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-130, Appendix I. The Department's report was filed with the Office of Management and Budget on November 27, 2000.

It is proposed that the current systems STATE-35 and STATE-40 will be

merged and renamed "Information Access Programs Records," and due to the expanded scope of the current system, the altered system description will include revisions and/or additions to all other sections. Relevant information in STATE-40 has been incorporated in STATE-35 and STATE-40 will be deleted in the near future. Changes to the existing system descriptions are proposed in order to reflect more accurately the Bureau of Administration's record-keeping systems and a reorganization of activities and operations.

Any person interested in commenting on these altered systems of records may do so by submitting comments in writing to Margaret Peppe, Chief; Programs and Policies Division; Office of IRM Programs and Services; A/RPS/IPS/PP; U.S. Department of State, SA-2; Washington, D.C. 20522-6001.

This system of records will be effective 40 days from the date of publication, unless we receive comments that will result in a contrary determination.

The altered system description, "Information Access Programs Records, STATE-35" will read as set forth below.

Dated: November 27, 2000.

Patrick F. Kennedy,

Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Administration, Department of State.

STATE-35

SYSTEM NAME:

Information Access Programs Records.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified and classified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Department of State; SA-2; 515 22nd Street, NW; Washington, DC 20522-6001.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals requesting access to Department of State records under the Freedom of Information Act, the Privacy Act, the Ethics in Government Act, the access provisions of Executive Order 12958 or a successor order on national security information, and Touhy regulations. Also covered are individuals requesting access to Department of State records pursuant to certain other authorities for special documents requests and discovery and litigation support requests.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

These records contain information documenting the processing of all requests pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the Privacy Act, the