

to review whistleblower disclosures of wrongdoing in federal agencies, and to refer disclosures in appropriate cases to the head of the agency involved for investigation, pursuant to its statutory authority at 5 U.S.C. 1211, *et seq.*

Likely Respondents: Current and former federal employees, and applicants for federal employment.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 475.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 1 hour.

Estimated Annual Burden: 475 hours.

The two proposed forms described above are available on OSC's Web site (at www.osc.gov).

Dated: June 29, 2000.

Erin M. McDonnell,

Associate Special Counsel for Planning and Advice.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3357]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Drink and Be Merry: Wine and Beer in Ancient Times"

DEPARTMENT: United States 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), the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority of October 19, 1999, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Drink and Be Merry: Wine and Beer in Ancient Times" imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with foreign lenders. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The Jewish Museum, New York, NY from July 30, thru November 5, 2000 is in the national interest. The action of the United States in this matter and the immunity based on the application of the provisions of the law involved does not imply any view of the United States concerning the ownership of these exhibition objects. Further, it is not based upon and does not represent any change in

the position of the United States regarding the status of Jerusalem or the territories 1978, of President Jimmy Carter, attached to the Camp David Accords, reprinted in 78 *Dept. of State Bulletin* 11 (October 1978); Statement of September 1, 1982 of President Ronald Reagan, reprinted in 82 *Dept. of State Bulletin* 23 (September 1982). 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 exhibit objects, contact Carol Epstein, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/619-6981). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44; 301-4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: June 23, 2000.

William B. Bader,

Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice #3356]

FY 2000 Funding Under the Research and Training for Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union Act of 1983

On April 21, 2000, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright approved the recommendations of the Advisory Committee for the Study of Eastern Europe and the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union. The Title VIII program, administered by the Department of State, seeks to build expertise among Americans on Russia, Eurasia, and Central and East Europe through support for advanced research, language and graduate training, and other activities both in the US and in the region. FY 2000 grant recipients are listed below.

1. American Council of Learned Societies

Grant: \$420,000 (EE).

Purpose: To support dissertation fellowships, institutional grants for language training in the U.S. covering the basic languages of Central and East Europe, the Junior Scholars' Training Seminar, and post-doctoral research fellowships.

Contact: Jason Parker, Executive Associate, American Council of Learned Societies, 228 East 45th Street, New York, NY 10017-3398, (212) 697-1505

(ext. 134/135), Fax (212) 949-8058, e-mail: jason@aclcs.org.

2. American Councils for International Education

Grant: \$420,000 (\$355,000-NIS, \$65,000-EE/B).

Purpose: To support programs for Advanced Russian Language and Area Studies, Languages of the NIS, Central and East European languages, Individualized Language Training and Research, Field Research Fellowships with the National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, and Policy Forums.

Contact: Graham Hettlinger, American Councils for International Education, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 833-7522, Fax (202) 833-7523, e-mail: Hettlinger@actr.org.

3. The William Davidson Institute of the University of Michigan Business School

Grant: \$170,000 (\$70,000-NIS; \$100,000-EE).

Purpose: To support post-doctoral research fellowships on public policy affecting the development of markets in the Balkans and in Central Asia and the Caucasus.

Contact: Sharon Nakpairat, Administrative Director, The William Davidson Institute, University of Michigan Business School, 724 East University Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1234, (734) 936-0041, Fax (734) 763-5850.

4. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Grant: \$125,000 (\$95,000-NIS; \$30,000-EE/B).

Purpose: To support the Summer Research Laboratory, which provides dormitory housing and access to the University's library for advanced research, and the Slavic Reference Service, which locates materials unavailable through regular interlibrary loan.

Contact: Dianne Merridith, Program Administrator, Russian and East European Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 104 International Studies Building, 910 South Fifth Street, Champaign, IL 61820, (217) 333-1244, Fax (217) 333-1582, e-mail: reec@uiuc.edu.

5. Institute of International Education

Grant: \$100,000 (\$50,000-NIS; \$50,000-EE).

Purpose: To support Professional Development Fellowships for young professionals in fields related to public service and civil policy in the Balkans and in Central Asia and the Caucasus.