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18. Santa Ana District Advisory Council.

19. Utah District Advisory Council (formerly Salt Lake City District Advisory Council).

20. Vermont District Advisory Council (formerly Montpelier District Advisory Council).

21. Washington, DC District Advisory Council.

22. West Virginia District Advisory Council (formerly Clarksburg District Advisory Council).

23. Wisconsin District Advisory Council (formerly Madison District Advisory Council).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information, contact Nancyellen Gentile, Committee Management Officer, 409 Third Street, NW., Washington, DC 20416; telephone (202) 205-2469.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages that will require clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104-13 effective October 1, 1995, The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility and clarity; and on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be submitted to the OMB Desk Officer and the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses:

(OMB)

Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, New Executive Office Building, Room 10230, 725 17th St., NW, Washington, DC. 20503

(SSA)

Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Frederick W. Brickenkamp, 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235

I. The information collections listed below will be submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, your comments should be submitted to SSA within 60 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain copies of the collection instruments by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410-965-4145, or by writing to him at the address listed above.

1. Disability Hearing Officer's Report of Disability Hearing (DC)—0960-0507. The information collected on form SSA-1204-BK is used by the Disability Hearing Officer (DHO) to conduct and document disability hearings, and to provide a structured format that concerns all conceivable issues relating to SSI claims for disabled children. The completed form SSA-1204-BK will aid the DHO in preparing the disability decision and will provide a record of what transpired at the hearing. The respondents are DHO's in the State Disability Determination Services.

Number of Respondents: 100,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 60 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 100,000 hours.

2. Report of Student Beneficiary About to Attain Age 19—0960-0274. The information collected on form SSA-1390 is used by SSA to determine a student's eligibility for Child's Social Security benefits for those turning age 19. The respondents are student Title II beneficiaries about to attain age 19.

Number of Respondents: 50,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 4,167 hours.

3. Disability Hearing Officer's Report of Disability Hearing—0960-0440. The information on Form SSA-1205-BK is used by the Disability Hearing Officers (DHOs) at the Social Security Administration (SSA) as a guide to conducting and recording disability hearings. It ensures that all of the pertinent issues are considered. The respondents are DHOs in the State

Disability Determination Services and Federal DHOs.

Number of Respondents: 100,000.

Frequency of Response:

Average Burden Per Response: 60 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 100,000 hours.

4. Application For Benefits Under The Italy-U.S. International Social Security Agreement—0960-0445. The information collected on Form SSA-2528 is required by SSA in order to determine entitlement to benefits. The respondents are applicants for old-age, survivors or disability benefits that reside in Italy.

Number of Respondents: 200.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 67 hours.

5. Request for Claimant Conference—0960-0608. The information collected on form SSA-378 is used by the Disability Adjudicator to complete processing of a claimant's disability claim. Depending on the response, the Disability Adjudicator schedules/ conducts the Claimant Conference, awaits the receipt of additional evidence, requests additional evidence from the source, or finalizes the determination on the case. The respondents are applicants for Social Security disability and Supplemental Security Income benefits whose initial determination of disability will be less than fully favorable.

Number of Respondents: 210,500.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 3 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 10,525 hours.

II. The information collections listed below have been submitted to OMB for clearance. Your comments on the information collections would be most useful if received by OMB and SSA within 30 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the OMB clearance packages by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145, or by writing to him at the address listed above.

1. Waiver of Your Right to Personal Appearance Before an Administrative Law Judge, HA-4608—0960-0284. Each claimant has a statutory right to appear in person (or through a representative) and present evidence about his/her claim at a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). If a claimant wishes to waive his/her statutory right to appear before an ALJ, he/she must complete a written request. The claimant may use form HA-4608

for this request. The information collected is used to document an individual's claim to show that an oral hearing is not preferred in the appellate process. The respondents are applicants for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits who request a hearing.

Number of Respondents: 12,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 2 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 400 hours.

2. Request for SSI Benefit Estimate—0960–0492. SSA uses Form SSA–3716 for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries who wish to request a 5-month estimate of what their benefits would be if they should return to work in the future. The respondents are SSI Recipients or Applicants for SSI Benefits.

Number of Respondents: 50,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 4,167 hours.

3. Supplemental Statement Regarding Farming Activities Of Person Living Outside The U.S.A.—0960–0103. Form SSA–7163A–F4 is used by SSA to collect needed information whenever a Social Security beneficiary or claimant reports work on a farm outside the U.S. The information is used to make a determination for work deduction purposes. The respondents are Social Security beneficiaries or claimants who are engaged in farming activities outside the U.S.

Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 60 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,000 hours.

Dated: April 24, 2001.

Frederick W. Brickenkamp,
Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3648]

Designation of Countries of Particular Concern Under the International Religious Freedom Act

Pursuant to section 408(a) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State, under authority delegated by the President, has re-designated the following countries as

“countries of particular concern” under section 402(b) of the Act for having engaged in or tolerated particularly severe violations of religious freedom: Burma, China, Iran, Iraq, Sudan.

Dated: April 16, 2001.

Thomas F. Farr,

Office Director for International Religious Freedom, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3652]

Privacy Act of 1974: Creation of a New System of Records

Notice is hereby given that the Department of State proposes to create a new system of records, STATE–55, 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. STATE–55 was created to accommodate the transfer of records from the former Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA) as a result of the consolidation of ACDA with the Department as mandated by the Foreign Affairs Agencies Consolidation Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105–277). The Department's report was filed with the Office of Management and Budget on April 23, 2001.

This system of records is being implemented by the Department of State to facilitate its responsibility for providing individuals with copies of its publication “*World Military Expenditures and Arms Transfers*.”

Any persons interested in commenting on the new system 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, DC 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 new system description, “*World Military Expenditures and Arms Transfers Mailing List, STATE–55*” will read as set forth below.

State–55

SYSTEM NAME:

World Military Expenditures and Arms Transfers Mailing List.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Department of State; 2201 C Street, NW; Washington, DC 20520.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Requesters of the publication “*World Military Expenditures and Arms Transfers*” (WMEAT).

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Names and addresses of requestors of the publication “*World Military Expenditures and Arms Transfers*.”

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

22 U.S.C. 2581 (Arms Control and Disarmament); 22 U.S.C. 2651a (Organization of the Department of State); 22 U.S.C. 3921 (Management of service); 5 U.S.C. 301 (Management of the Department of State); and Pub. L. 105–277 (Foreign Affairs Agencies Consolidation Act of 1998).

PURPOSE(S):

The information in this system of records is collected and maintained by the Bureau of Verification and Compliance to facilitate its responsibility for providing individuals with copies of WMEAT as requested.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

The information in this system is used to disseminate current editions of the publication WMEAT to individuals who have submitted a request for current and subsequent editions.

Also see the “Routine Uses” paragraph of the Prefatory Statement published in the **Federal Register**.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Electronic media.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Individual name.

SAFEGUARDS:

All employees of the Department of State have undergone a thorough background security investigation. Access to the Department and its annexes is controlled by security guards and admission is limited to those individuals possessing a valid identification card or individuals under proper escort. Access to computerized files is password-protected and under the direct supervision of the system manager. The system manager has the capability of printing audit trails of access from the computer media, thereby permitting regular and ad hoc monitoring of computer usage.