

provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Section, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at SCCP. All submissions should refer to the File No. SR-SCCP-2002-01 and should be submitted by April 4, 2002.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>7</sup>

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Request for Comment

**AGENCY:** Office of Special Counsel.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), and implementing regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC), plans to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for use of three previously approved information collections consisting of customer survey forms.

OSC is required by law to conduct an annual survey of those who seek its assistance. The information collections are used to carry out that mandate. The current OMB approval for these collections of information expires on March 31, 2002; OSC does not plan to use the forms again until the next round of annual surveys beginning on October 1, 2002.

Current and former Federal employees, employee representatives, other Federal agencies, state and local government employees, and the general public are invited to comment on these information collections. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of OSC functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of OSC's estimate of the burden of the proposed collections of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use

of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Comments should be received by May 13, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Kathryn Stackhouse, Attorney, Planning and Advice Division, U.S. Office of Special Counsel, 1730 M Street, N.W., Suite 201, Washington, DC 20036-4505.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathryn Stackhouse, Attorney, Planning and Advice Division, at the address shown above; by facsimile at (202) 653-5151; or by telephone at (202) 653-8971. The survey forms for collection of information are available for review on OSC's Web site, at [www.osc.gov/reading.htm](http://www.osc.gov/reading.htm).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OSC is an independent agency responsible for: (1) investigation of allegations of prohibited personnel practices defined by law at 5 U.S.C. 2302(b), and certain other illegal employment practices under titles 5 and 38 of the U.S. Code, affecting current or former Federal employees or applicants for employment, and covered state and local government employees; (2) the interpretation and enforcement of Hatch Act provisions on political activity in chapters 15 and 73 of title 5 of the U.S. Code; and (3) the provision of a secure channel through which Federal employees may make disclosures of information evidencing violations of law, rule or regulation; gross waste of funds; gross mismanagement; abuse of authority; or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety.

OSC is required to conduct an annual survey of all individuals who seek its assistance. Section 13 of Public Law 103-424 (1994), codified at 5 U.S.C. 1212 note, states, in part: "[T]he survey shall—(1) determine if the individual seeking assistance was fully apprised of their rights; (2) determine whether the individual was successful either at the Office of Special Counsel or the Merit Systems Protection Board; and (3) determine if the individual, whether successful or not, was satisfied with the treatment received from the Office of Special Counsel." The same section also provides that survey results are to be published in OSC's annual report to Congress. Copies of prior years' annual reports are available on OSC's Web site, at [www.osc.gov/forms.htm#annual](http://www.osc.gov/forms.htm#annual), or by calling OSC at (202) 653-2253.

OSC uses three forms to survey potential respondents in three types of matters closed during the previous fiscal year: Form OSC-48a is sent to complainants who alleged prohibited personnel practices, or other prohibited activities (including violations of the Hatch Act); Form OSC-48b is sent to

persons who received a written advisory opinion on the application of the Hatch Act; and Form OSC-48c is sent to covered persons who made whistleblower disclosures to OSC. Each of these forms for information collection is described below. The forms to be submitted to OMB contain some minor modifications to existing forms, including increased use of "plain English" and minor format changes. In addition, the estimated number of annual respondents for each survey has been reduced to reflect estimated actual survey response rates, rather than surveys sent.

**1. Title of Collection:** OSC Survey—Prohibited Personnel Practice or Other Prohibited Activity (Agency Form Number OSC-48a; OMB Control Number 3255-0003)

**Type of Information Collection Request:** Approval of a previously approved collection of information that expires on March 31, 2002, with some revisions.

**Affected public:** Current and former Federal employees, applicants for Federal employment, state and local government employees, and their representatives.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Voluntary.  
**Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:** 682.

**Frequency:** Annual.  
**Estimated Average Amount of Time for a Person to Respond:** 20 minutes.  
**Estimated Annual Burden:** 227 hours.

**Abstract:** This form is used to survey current and former Federal employees and applicants for Federal employment who have submitted allegations of possible prohibited personnel practices or other prohibited activity for investigation and possible prosecution by OSC, and whose matter has been closed during the prior fiscal year (FY), on their experience at OSC. Specifically, the survey asks questions relating to whether the respondent was: (1) apprised of his or her rights; (2) successful at the OSC or at the Merit Systems Protection Board; and (3) satisfied with the treatment received at the OSC.

**2. Title of Collection:** OSC Survey—Hatch Act Advisory Opinion (Agency Form Number OSC-48b; OMB Control Number 3255-0003)

**Type of Information Collection Request:** Approval of a previously approved collection of information that expires on March 31, 2002, with some revisions.

**Affected public:** Current and former Federal employees, applicants for Federal employment, state and local government employees, and their representatives.

<sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.  
*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 65.

*Frequency:* Annual.

*Estimated Average Amount of Time for a Person to Respond:* 12 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 13 hours.

*Abstract:* This form is used to survey those who request a written advisory opinion on the application of the Hatch Act, and whose matter has been closed during the prior FY, on their experience at OSC. Specifically, the survey asks questions relating to whether the respondent was: (1) apprised of his or her rights; (2) successful at the OSC; and (3) satisfied with the treatment received at the OSC.

3. *Title of Collection:* OSC Survey—Whistleblower Disclosure (Agency Form Number OSC-48c; OMB Control Number 3255-0003)

*Type of Information Collection Request:* Approval of a previously approved collection of information that expires on March 31, 2002, with some revisions.

*Affected public:* Current and former Federal employees, applicants for Federal employment, and their representatives.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.  
*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 93.

*Frequency:* Annual.

*Estimated Average Amount of Time for a Person to Respond:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 23 hours.

*Abstract:* This form is used to survey those who have filed a whistleblower disclosure, and whose matter has been closed during the prior FY, on their experience at OSC. Specifically, the survey asks questions relating to whether the respondent was: (1) apprised of his or her rights; (2) successful at the OSC; and (3) satisfied with the treatment received at the OSC.

Dated: March 8, 2002.

Elaine D. Kaplan,

Special Counsel.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3946]

### Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Greuze The Draftsman"

**AGENCY:** 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), 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, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Greuze The Draftsman," 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 Frick Collection, New York, NY from on or about May 14, 2002 to on or about August 4, 2002, and at the J. Paul Getty Museum from on or about September 10-December 1, 2002, 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 David S. Newman, Attorney-Adviser, 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: March 6, 2002.

Patricia S. Harrison,

Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, United States Department of State.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3944]

### Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "The Quest for Immortality: Treasures of Ancient Egypt"

**AGENCY:** 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), 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, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "The Quest for Immortality: Treasures of Ancient Egypt" 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 National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC, from on or about April 21, 2002 to on or about August 11, 2002, 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 David S. Newman, Attorney-Adviser, 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: March 6, 2002.

Patricia S. Harrison,

Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, United States Department of State.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3945]

### Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Request for Grant Proposals: Balkans Junior Faculty Development Program

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Academic Exchange Programs/European Programs Branch of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for the new Balkans *Junior Faculty Development Program* (JFDP). Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 U.S.C. 501 (c) (3) may submit proposals to place visiting faculty from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia at U.S. universities in a one academic year (nine months) teacher training and curriculum development program. The grantee organization for this new program will support and oversee the activities of the faculty throughout their stay in the United States, including their undertaking a practical internship at the end of the academic program (an additional two months). In addition, the