

Signed at Washington, DC this 16th day of August, 1996.

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## NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** NARA is giving public notice that the agency proposes to establish a new information collection for submitting requests for copies of pages of Federal land entry case files that are in the National Archives of the United States. The public is invited to comment on the proposed information collection pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before October 28, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to: Paperwork Reduction Act Comments (PIRM-POL), Room 4100, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Rd, College Park, MD 20740-6001; or faxed to 301-713-7270; or electronically mailed to nancy.allard@arch2.nara.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collections and supporting statements should be directed to Nancy Allard at telephone number 301-713-6730, ext. 226, or fax number 301-713-7270.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13), NARA invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed information collections. The comments and suggestions should address one or more of the following points: (a) Whether the proposed collection information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NARA; (b) the accuracy of NARA's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collections; (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 the use of information technology. The comments

that are submitted will be summarized and included in the NARA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this notice, NARA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

*Title:* National Archives Order for Land Claim Records.

*OMB number:* New collection; number to be assigned.

*Agency form number:* NATF 84.

*Type of review:* Regular.

*Affected public:* Individuals who wish to order copies of land claim records in the National Archives of the United States.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 14,000.

*Estimated time per response:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of response:* On occasion (when respondent wishes to search for or order copies of land claim records).

*Estimated total annual burden hours:* 2,334 (rounded off number).

*Abstract:* The NATF form 84 will be used by researchers to request that NARA search for and make copies of pages from Federal land entry case files (land claim records) in the custody of the National Archives. These records generally date from 1800 to approximately 1965. Submission of requests on a form is necessary to handle in a timely fashion the volume of requests received for these records (approximately 14,000 per year) and the need to obtain specific information from the researcher to search for the records sought. The form will be printed on carbonless paper as a multi-part form to allow the researcher to retain a copy if his request and NARA to respond to the researcher on the results of the search or to bill for copies if the researcher wishes to order the copies. As a convenience, the form will allow researchers to provide credit card information to authorize billing and expedited mailing of the copies. NARA is not able at present to accept electronic submission of requests; however, we intend to address security of financial information and other issues as we continue our efforts to increase electronic access to NARA and its holdings.

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## NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

### National Communications System Directive; Communications Resource Information Sharing Initiative

**AGENCY:** National Communications System (NCS).

**ACTION:** Notice of NCS Directive.

**SUMMARY:** This directive establishes National Communications System (NCS) policies pertaining to administering and using the NCS Communications Resource Information Sharing (CRIS) initiative.

Information: Telephone (703) 607-6104 or write the Manager, National Communications System, 701 S. Courthouse Rd., Arlington, VA 22204-2198.

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*NCS Directive 3-9*

*Telecommunications Operations*

Communications Resource Information Sharing Initiative

1. *Purpose.* This directive establishes National Communications System (NCS) policies pertaining to administering and using the NCS Communications Resource Information Sharing (CRIS) initiative.

2. *Applicability.* This directive is binding upon NCS and other Executive entities that voluntarily elect to participate in the CRIS initiative.

2. *Authority.* This directive is issued under the authority of Executive Order No. 12472, "Assignment of National Security and Emergency Preparedness Telecommunications Functions," April 3, 1984; 49 Federal Register 13471, April 5, 1984; and NCS Directive 1-1, "National Communications System (NCS) Issuance System," November 30, 1987.

4. *References.*

a. Executive Order No. 12472, "Assignment of National Security and Emergency Preparedness Telecommunications Functions," April 3, 1984, 49 Federal Register 13471.

b. Executive Order No. 12656, "Assignment of Emergency Preparedness Responsibilities," November 18, 1988.

c. "A Concept of Operations for the NCS Communications Resource Information Sharing (CRIS) Initiative," April 2, 1994.

5. *General.*

a. Many Federal departments and agencies possess communications resources in the form of assets, services, and capabilities which could be shared