

Estimated Number of Respondents: There are approximately 120 U.S. participants. Estimated number of respondents is 120.

Estimated Time per Respondents: Each response will not exceed 7 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,300 hours.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or include in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Comments are invited on: (a) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information and the prototype will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of this information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; (e) estimates of capital start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: November 19, 1996.

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 15, 1996.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

Special Request: In order to conduct the focus group interviews described below during the mid-December 1996 to early-January 1997 timeframe, the Department of Treasury is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review and approve this information collection by November 27,

1996. To obtain a copy of this survey, please contact the IRS Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-1432.

Project Number: PC:V 96-022.

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Opinion Research Group, Strategic Planning Division Refund Focus Group.

Description: The objective of these focus group interviews is to gather feedback from taxpayers on their expectations regarding refunds and the refund process. The groups will also solicit information regarding taxpayer perceptions of how long it should take to receive a refund and when during the process taxpayers decide to call IRS to inquire about the status of their refunds. This information will be used to help IRS design a plan on how to communicate the refund process with taxpayers.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 54

Estimated Burden Hours Per

Respondent:

Screening interviews—5 minutes

Focus group interviews—2 hours

Travel to site—1 hour

Frequency of Response: Other.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 195 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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[Treasury Directive 27-04]

Organization and Functions of the Office of the Under Secretary (International Affairs)

November 17, 1996.

1. *Purpose.* This Directive describes the organization and functions of the Office of the Under Secretary (International Affairs).

2. *The Under Secretary (International Affairs)* advises and assists the Secretary and Deputy Secretary in the formulation and execution of U.S. international policy. These responsibilities include the development of policies and guidance of the Department's activities

in the areas of international financial, economic and monetary affairs, trade and investment policy, international debt, environmental and energy policy, and U.S. participation in international financial institutions. The Under Secretary helps coordinate United States economic policies with finance ministries of the other G-7 industrial nations (France, Germany, Japan, United Kingdom, Canada, and Italy) and participates in preparing the President for annual G-7 economic summits. Reporting to the Under Secretary is the Assistant Secretary, including all of the functions of that office.

3. *The Assistant Secretary (International Affairs)* reports to the Secretary through the Under Secretary (International Affairs) and the Deputy Secretary. The incumbent is a principal adviser to the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, and Under Secretary (International Affairs) in their exercise of international financial, economic, monetary, trade, investment, environmental and energy policies and programs.

4. *Organization Structure.* The Assistant Secretary (International Affairs) supervises the Office of Program Services, the Counselor for Middle East Affairs, and six Deputy Assistant Secretaries: International Monetary and Financial Policy; Asia, the Americas and Africa; International Development, Debt and Environmental Policy; Trade and Investment Policy; Eurasia and the Middle East; and Technical Assistance Policy. The functions and responsibilities of the Deputy Assistant Secretaries are defined by the Assistant Secretary. The Deputy Assistant Secretaries serve under the policy guidance of the Assistant Secretary. Each Deputy Assistant Secretary supervises a number of offices managed by Directors. See the attached organization chart.

5. *The Deputy Assistant Secretary (International Monetary and Financial Policy)* supervises: the Office of International Banking and Securities Markets; the Office of International Monetary Policy; the Office of Foreign Exchange Operations; and the Office of Industrial Nations and Global Analyses. The incumbent serves as a policy adviser to the Assistant Secretary (International Affairs) and is responsible for the following functions.

a. Formulates and implements Treasury policies concerning:

(1) maintenance and operation of a smoothly functioning international monetary system;

(2) coordination of economic policy among industrial nations through bilateral relationships, the Economic