

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Indian Program System.

7. Department of Justice (N1-60-97-2). Reduction in retention period for disposable case files relating to habeas corpus proceedings.

8. Department of the Treasury, Office of Thrift Supervision (N1-483-96-1). Branch Office Survey System comment sheets.

9. Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration (N1-15-97-1). Electroencephalographic reports and tracings.

10. Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Human Resources Management (N1-15-97-2). Political appointee application files.

11. Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration (N1-15-97-4). Quality management files.

12. Central Intelligence Agency (N1-263-97-1). Thrift savings plan records.

13. Consumer Product Safety Commission (N1-424-97-1). Routine correspondence from citizens regarding issues within the agency's jurisdiction.

14. Defense Intelligence Agency (N1-373-96-1). Routine and facilitative reports files.

15. Defense Logistics Agency (N1-361-97-3). Automated information systems related to warehouse distribution and other routine administrative functions.

16. Defense Logistics Agency (N1-361-97-2). Chaplain records relating to routine administrative functions and to programs and projects.

17. Tennessee Valley Authority (N1-142-96-5). Occupancy emergency plans for TVA office buildings.

18. Tennessee Valley Authority (N1-142-97-3). Engineering Services cross section and profiles field books and related data base.

19. U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (N1-383-97-1). Comprehensive schedule update. Overall program records are permanent. Records that are duplicative or facilitative are proposed for disposal.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Biological Sciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science

Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting.

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Biological Sciences (#1754)

*Date and Time:* March 6-7, 1997; 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, Room 360, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Fred Stollnitz, Program Officer for Cross-Directorate Activities in the Division of Integrative Biology and Neuroscience, Room 685, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1413.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Research Planning Grants and Career Advancement Awards for Women Scientists and Engineers (RPG/CAA) proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Late Notice:* Final list of panelists could not be confirmed until February 14, 1997.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: February 19, 1997.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Request for Public Comment

Extension:

Rule 6e-2, SEC File No. 270-177, OMB Control No. 3235-0177.

Rule 22d-1, SEC File No. 270-275, OMB Control No. 3235-0310.

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is publishing the following summaries of collections for public comment.

Rule 6e-2 (17 CFR 270.6e-2) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") is an exemptive rule which permits separate accounts, formed by

life insurance companies, to fund certain variable life insurance products. The rule exempts such separate accounts from the registration requirements under the Act, among others, on condition that it comply with all but certain designated provisions of the Act and meet the other requirements of the rule. The rule sets forth several information collection requirements.

Rule 6e-2 provides a separate account with an exemption from the registration provisions of section 8 of the Act if the account files with the Commission Form N-6EI-1, a notification of claim of exemption.

The rule also exempts a separate account from a number of other sections of the Act, provided that the separate account makes certain disclosure in its registration statements and reports to contract holders about actions taken under those exemptions.

In regard to the foregoing, Rule 6e-2 provides an exemption from section 17(f) of the Act. Section 17(f) requires that every registered management company meet various custody requirements for its securities and similar investments. Paragraph (b)(9) of Rule 6e-2 provides an exemption from the requirements of section 17(f) of the Act and imposes a reporting burden and certain other conditions. Paragraph (b)(9) applies only to management accounts that offer life insurance contract subject to Rule 6e-2.

Since 1988, there have been no filings under paragraph (b)(9) of Rule 6e-2 by management accounts. Further, all post-effective amendments filed by variable life separate accounts under Rule 6e-2 have been structured as unit investment trusts and are thus not subject to the requirements of paragraph (b)(9) of the rule. Therefore, since 1988, there has been no burden to the industry regarding the information collection requirements of paragraph (b)(9) of Rule 6e-2.

Rule 22d-1 (17 CFR 270.22d-1) provides registered investment companies that issue redeemable securities ("funds") an exemption from section 22(d) of the Act to the extent necessary to permit scheduled variations in or elimination of the sales load on fund securities for particular classes of investors or transactions, provided certain conditions are met. The rule imposes an annual burden per fund of approximately 15 minutes, so that the total annual burden for the approximately 1,865 funds that might rely on the rule is estimated to be 466 hours.

Written comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper