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Questions concerning this Notice may be directed to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Funds Management Division, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 6F04, Hyattsville, MD 20782, telephone (202) 874-6507.

Dated: February 13, 1997.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: United States Information Agency.

ACTION: Proposed collection; Comment request.

SUMMARY: The United States Information Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection entitled "Rulemaking Number 102, Camp Counselor Exchanges". This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 [Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)].

The information collection activity involved with this program is conducted pursuant to the mandate given to the United States Information Agency under the terms and conditions of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended. USIA has been delegated the authority to designate exchange visitor programs for U.S. Government agencies, public and private education and Cultural exchange. In addition, 22 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), part 514.30, Camp Counselors; Limitation of Program Participation.

DATES: Comments are due on or before May 5, 1997.

COPIES: Copies of the Request for Clearance (OMB 83-I), supporting statement, and other documents that

will be submitted to OMB for approval may be obtained from the USIA Clearance Officer. Comments should be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for USIA, and also to the USIA Clearance Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Agency Clearance Officer, Ms. Jeannette Giovetti, United States Information Agency, M/ADD, 301 Fourth Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547, telephone (202) 619-4408; and OMB review: Ms. Victoria Wassmer, Office of Information And Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Docket Library, Room 10202, NEOB, Washington, D.C. 20503, Telephone (202) 395-3176.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public reporting burden for this collection of information (Paper Work Reduction Project: OMB No. 3116-0213) is estimated to average 5 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Responses are required to obtain benefits and respondents will be required to respond only one time.

Comments are requested on the proposed information collection concerning (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information to the United States Information Agency, M/ADD, 301 Fourth Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547; and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Docket Library, Room 10202, NEOB, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Current Actions: USIA is requesting an extension of this collection for a three-year period.

Title: Rulemaking No. 102, Camp Counselor Exchanges.

Abstract: Approximately 10 Agency-designated for profit and non-profit

entities will submit a report listing the names of aliens who have participated in camp counselor exchanges more than twice. This report will be the basis of the Agency's efforts to monitor these exchanges, to prevent inappropriate staffing with alien labor, and to ensure compliance with the articulated policy.

Proposed Frequency of Response:

No. of Respondents—10.

Recordkeeping Hours—.08.

Total Annual Burden—1.0.

Dated: February 28, 1997.

Rose Royal,

Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Cost-of-Living Adjustments for Service-Connected Benefits

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1996, Public Law 104-263, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is hereby giving notice of cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) in certain benefit rates. These COLAs affect the compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) programs.

DATES: These COLAs are effective December 1, 1996, the date provided by Public Law 104-263.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Trowbridge, Consultant, Compensation and Pension Service (213B), Veterans Benefit Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-7218.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1996, Public Law 104-263, provides for a COLA for each of the rates in sections 1114, 1115(1), 1162, 1311, 1313, and 1314 of title 38, United States Code. VA is required to increase these benefit rates by the same percentage as increases in the benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act. In computing increased rates in the cited title 38 sections, fractions of a dollar equaling \$.50 or more are rounded to the next higher dollar amount. The increased rates are required to be published in the Federal Register.

The Social Security Administration has announced that there will be a 2.9 percent cost-of-living increase in Social