

and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 serves purposes that are compatible with purposes for which SSA collects the information and meets the criteria of the Privacy Act and the regulation for establishment of a routine use.

### C. Effect of the Proposal on Individual Rights

As discussed above, the proposed revised routine use will permit SSA to disclose quarters of coverage information to Federal, State, or local agencies for the purpose of administering certain income-maintenance and health-maintenance programs, where such use is authorized by Federal statute. Disclosure will assist Federal, State, or local agencies in determining eligibility for income-maintenance and health-maintenance programs. While disclosure will have some impact on the privacy of individuals (for example, disclosures will be made regarding the work records of related third parties, i.e., parents and spouses), Federal, State, or local agencies will be better able to adjudicate entitlement to section 402, 412, 421 and 435 programs or benefits. Such disclosures will only be made where authorized by Federal statute. SSA will follow all statutory and regulatory requirements for disclosure. Thus, we do not anticipate that the disclosure will have any unwarranted effect on the privacy or other rights of individuals.

Dated: February 28, 1997.

Shirley S. Chater,

Commissioner of Social Security.

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## OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

### Proposed Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of Special Counsel.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC), in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), has applied to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for an emergency approval to reinstate two previously approved information collections, consisting of forms and related regulations at 5 CFR part 1800. Also, OSC is providing an opportunity for public comment in anticipation of its request to OMB for regular approval of the two forms. Federal employees, other Federal agencies, and the general public are invited to comment on OSC's

information collection activities regarding possible prohibited personnel practices and other prohibited activity and whistleblower disclosures.

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of OSC's 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; (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.

Send written comments regarding the emergency approval of the information collections to the Desk Officer, OMB, 3255-0002, OIRA, Washington, DC 20503. OMB should receive comments by March 13, 1997.

Send written comments regarding the request for regular approval of the information collections and requests for copies of the proposed information collections to Cathleen Sadlo Schulz, Senior Attorney, U.S. Office of Special Counsel, 1730 M Street, NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036-4505. Comments should be received on or before May 12, 1997.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Comment is requested on the following collections of information:

1. *Title of Collection:* Report of Possible Prohibited Personnel Practice or Other Prohibited Activity.

*Agency Form Number:* OSC 11; OMB Control Number 3255-0002.

*Type of Information Collection:* Emergency approval and reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

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

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 1884.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 1 hour.

*Estimated Annual burden:* 1884 hours.

*Abstract:* This optional form, or the format provided in 5 CFR 1800.1, are for use by current and former Federal employees and applicants for Federal employment to report possible prohibited personnel practices or other prohibited activity by Federal agencies or employees.

2. *Title of Collection:* Disclosure of Information.

*Agency Form Number:* OSC 12; OMB Control Number 3255-0002.

*Type of Information Collection:* Emergency approval and reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Affected public:* Federal employees and agencies and other individuals.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 252.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 1 hour.

*Estimated Annual burden:* 252 hours.

*Abstract:* This optional whistleblower disclosure form, and the format provided in 5 CFR 1800.2, are for use by current and former Federal employees and applicants for Federal employment to disclose a violation of any law, rule, or regulation, or gross mismanagement, a gross waste of funds, an abuse of authority, or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety.

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Associate Special Counsel for Planning and Advice.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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### Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy; Public Meeting

The Department of State is holding the next meeting of its Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy. The Committee was renewed on August 22, 1996, in order to continue to provide a formal channel for regular consultation and coordination on major economic, social and legal issues and problems in international communications and information policy, especially as these issues and problems involve users of information and communication services, providers of such services, technology research and development, foreign industrial and regulatory policy, the activities of international organizations with regard to communications and information, and developing country interests.

The 24-person committee was appointed by Ambassador Vonya B. McCann, United States Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy, U.S. Department of State, and serves under the