

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Criminal Division; Agency Information Collection Activities: Existing Collection; Comment Request**

ACTION: Extension of an Existing Collection: Exhibit B to Registration Statement (Foreign Agents).

The Department of Justice, Criminal Division has submitted the following information collection request (ICR) utilizing emergency review procedures, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with section 1320.13(a)(1)(ii) and (a)(2)(iii) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The Criminal Division has determined that it cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures under this Part because normal clearance procedures are reasonably likely to prevent or disrupt the collection of information. This information collection is needed prior to the expiration of established time periods as set forth in the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611, *et seq.* (FARA or the Act). The information provided is required by the provisions of FARA and is maintained in the public office of the Registration Unit, Internal Security Section, Criminal Division where it is available for review by the public. Without expedited approval for the collection of necessary data from registered foreign agents, the required information will not be available for review by the public. Therefore, OMB approval has been requested by September 26, 1997. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. All comments and/or questions pertaining to this pending request for emergency approval MUST be directed to OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention Ms. Victoria Wassmer/Mr. Patrick Boyd, 202-395-5871, Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20530. Comments regarding the emergency submission of this information collection may also be telefaxed to Ms. Wassmer/Mr. Boyd at 202-395-5871.

During the first 60 days of this same period, a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. During the regular review period, the Criminal Division requests written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until November 24, 1997. During the 60-day regular review ALL comments and suggestions, or questions

regarding additional information, to include obtaining a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, should be directed to Marshall R. Williams, 202-514-1229, Chief, Registration Unit, Internal Security Section, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 9300, 1400 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20530. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points.

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Exhibit B to Registration Statement (Foreign Agents).

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form CRM-155—Exhibit B to Registration Statement.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, and individuals or households. Form is used to augment the registration statement of foreign agents as required by the provisions of 22 U.S.C. 611, *et seq.*, within 10 days of the date a contract is made or when initial activity occurs, whichever is first.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 75 respondents at .33 hours per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 25 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required during the first 60 days of this same

regular review period contact Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: September 17, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Criminal Division; Agency Information Collection Activities: Existing Collection; Comment Request**

ACTION: Extension of an Existing Collection: Short-Form Registration or Statement of Individuals (Foreign Agents).

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