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For further information contact Alexandra Arriaga, Executive Secretary of the Committee at (202) 647-1422.

Dated: January 7, 1998.

John Shattuck,

Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Chairman, Advisory Committee on Religious Freedom Abroad.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collections of information was published in 62 FR 52180, October 6, 1997.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 12, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernie Stankus, Office of Airline Information, K-25, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-4387.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS)

Title: Domestic Cargo Transportation—Part 291.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2138-0023.

Affected Public: Certificated domestic all-cargo carriers.

Abstract: The Department of Transportation requires air carriers holding section 418 certificates, that do not submit Form 41 reports, to file Form 291-A, "Statement of Operations and Statistics Summary for Section 418 Operations" pursuant to 14 CFR 291.42. This form is used to monitor air-cargo activity carried on strictly all-cargo flights.

Needs and Uses: Form 291-A financial data are reviewed in connection with an air carrier's operations when concerns arise as to a carrier's financial condition as evidenced by reported losses and delinquency in payments to creditors. Data comparisons are made between current and past periods in order to assess the current financial positions. Financial trend lines are extended into the future to evaluate the continued viability of the carrier. When an all-cargo carrier wishes to extend its operation to passenger service, the carrier's prior Form 291-A filings are examined as a source document to help determine the carrier's financial condition. FAA's Safety Indicators Division is developing an integrated approach to exposure data (Form 291-A is a part of this data) in the aviation industry to support the Safety Indicators Program. FAA's National Safety Data Center is currently using Form 291-A in compiling annual year end flight hours, miles flown, and departures. Also, these activity data are used by the National Transportation Safety Board in determining the airline industry's annual safety indexes. Commercial all-cargo activity data are used by the FAA in estimating the excise tax paid by shoppers and held by the all-cargo air carriers. Although a precise tax figure cannot be computed from the Form 291-A reports (because some cargo movements are exempted from the excise tax), an estimation is possible for revenue budgeting purposes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 8 hours.

Number of Respondents: 2.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention DOT Desk Officer. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of

the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Vanester M. Williams,

Clearance Officer, Department of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Research, Engineering and Development (R, E&D) Advisory Committee

Pursuant to section 10(A)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the FAA Research, Engineering and Development Advisory Committee. The meeting will be held on January 29-30, 1998 at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn Westpark Hotel, 1900 North Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

On Thursday, January 29 the meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. On Friday, January 30 the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. The planned meeting agenda includes the following. The Committee will discuss and vote on a follow-up report by the Subcommittee on Air Traffic Services regarding Flight 2000 as well as the report of the Subcommittee on Runway Incursions. FAA will provide follow-up responses regarding the Committee's "Report on the Status and Organization of Human Factors Within the FAA" and "Report of the NAS ATM Panel." FAA also will present its International Research and Development Program; Air Traffic Management Research and Development Action Team (ARDAT) Report; Global Analysis Information Network (GAIN); Safety Performance Analysis System (SPAS); and Flight 2000 Program.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space available. Persons wishing to attend the meeting or obtain information should contact Lee Olson at the Federal Aviation Administration, AAR-200, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591 (202) 267-7358.

Members of the public may present a written statement to the Committee at any time.