(1) Revise SSA's special procedures for access to medical records in accordance with *Bavido* v. *Apfel*;

(2) Clarify that an individual is not required to designate a representative in writing unless the Agency first determines that direct access to those records would adversely affect him; and

(3) Indicate that a designated representative does not have discretion to withhold the records from the individual.

Dated: July 26, 2000.

Darrell Blevins,

SSA Privacy Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Bureau of European Affairs, Office of European Security and Political Affairs (EUR/RPM)

[Public Notice 3376]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: 60-Day Notice of proposed information collection; election observer questionnaire.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. This process is conducted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal submitted to OMB:

Type of Request: Data Collection from Election Observers

Originating Office: Bureau of European Affairs, Office of European Security and Political Affairs (EUR/RPM)

Title of Information Collection: Election Observer Questionnaire.

Frequency: Occasionally, linked to elections in certain OSCE Participating States.

Form Number: None.

Respondents: U.S. citizens selected and funded by the U.S. Department of State to serve as election observers as part of OSCE Election Observation Missions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100 per year.

Average Hours Per Response: 10 minutes per response.

Total Estimated Burden: 1000 minutes = 16 hrs 40 minutes.

Public comments are being solicited to permit the agency to:

• Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency.

• Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

• Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

• Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Public comments, or requests for additional information, regarding the collection listed in this notice should be directed to the OSCE Coordinator, Bureau of European Affairs, Room 6227, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520 (telephone number 202–736–7290).

Dated: July 19, 2000.

Walter E. Andrusyszyn,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 3371]

United States-Egypt Science and Technology Joint Board; Science and Technology Program for Competitive Grants To Support International, Collaborative Projects in Science and Technology Between U.S. and Egyptian Cooperators

August 1, 2000.

AGENCY: U.S. Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Vickie Alexander, Program Administrator, U.S.-Egypt Science and Technology Grants Program, U.S. Embassy, Cairo/ECPO, Unit 64900, Box 6, APO AE 09839–4900; phone: 011–(20–2) 797–2925; fax: 011–(20–2) 797–3150; E-mail: alexanderva@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: This program is established under 22 U.S.C. 2656d and the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

A solicitation for this program will begin August 1, 2000. This program will provide modest grants for successfully competitive proposals for binational collaborative projects and other activities submitted by U.S. and Egyptian experts. Projects must help the United States and Egypt utilize science and apply technology by providing opportunities to exchange ideas, information, skills, and techniques, and to collaborate on scientific and technological endeavors of mutual interest and benefit. Proposals which fully meet the submission requirements as outlined in the Program Announcement will receive peer reviews. Proposals considered for funding in Fiscal Year 2001 must be postmarked by November 1, 2000. All proposals will be considered; however, special consideration will be given to proposals that address priority areas defined/approved by the Joint Board. These include priorities in the areas of information technology, environmental technologies, biotechnology, standards and metrology, and manufacturing technologies. More information on these priorities and copies of the Program Announcement/Application may be obtained by request.

William R. Gaines,

Director, Office of Science and Technology Cooperation, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State, and Chair, U.S.-Egypt S&T Joint Board.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. WTO/DS–176]

WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding Regarding United States of America—Section 211 of the Department of Commerce Appropriations Act, 1999

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (''USTR'') is providing notice of a request for the establishment of a dispute settlement panel under the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (''WTO''), requested by the European Communities and their Member States (the ''EC''). The EC has asked that a panel examine whether section 211 of the ''Omnibus Appropriations Act of 1998'' [sic] is consistent with U.S. obligations under