

access to ICR's fleet of over 4,000 covered hopper cars. Applicants also state that grain receivers on ICR, including grain processors in Illinois, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama will benefit from reliable, long-term, independent access to Iowa grain.

In addition to grain shippers and receivers, applicants submit that the combination of CC&P and IC into a single system will open new single-line routes for shippers of Illinois Basin coal from ICR origins in Illinois to destinations on CC&P's lines and new marketing opportunities for intermodal shippers.

Applicants maintain that shippers on both railroads will benefit from improved car supply from access to the larger car fleet of the combined system, and from faster transit times and improved operating efficiency. They state that no customer will lose rail service as a result of the transaction. Indeed, they claim that a combined IC/CC&P system will be stronger, financially and operationally, than either carrier could be separately, and thus will be better able to compete with other railroads, motor carriers and barges in providing effective and efficient service to the shipping public.

According to applicants, common control will have no adverse impact on the continuation of essential transportation services by IC, CC&P or any other carrier. Diversions of traffic from other rail carriers will be minimal. Furthermore, they state that the transaction will assure the preservation and continued viability of CC&P's lines.

Applicants do not anticipate that any existing ICR employees will be adversely affected by the proposed control transaction. All of CC&P's non-management employees and CRRC's maintenance-of-way employees are represented by national unions and covered under existing collective bargaining agreements. According to applicants, these agreements will remain in force, modified as necessary to achieve the efficiency benefits of the proposed transaction, after consummation of control. Some work currently performed by CC&P employees will be transferred to IC locations.

As a result of the proposed transaction, applicants anticipate that a total of 57 positions subject to collective bargaining will be eliminated in the first year of common control. No labor impacts are anticipated in the second and third years after consummation.

In addition, five CC&P dispatchers currently located in Waterloo will be transferred to IC's dispatching center in Homewood, IL, as a result of the

consolidation of dispatching functions at the latter facility. Some CC&P maintenance-of-way positions will be eliminated by introduction of modern mechanized track maintenance procedures on CC&P's lines. However, all maintenance work on CC&P lines will continue to be performed by CC&P employees.

The applicable level of labor protection for the control transaction proposed herein is that set forth in *New York Dock Ry.—Control—Brooklyn Eastern Term. Dist.*, 360 I.C.C. 60 (1979). No employee protection agreements have been reached as of the date of the application. IC anticipates offering transfer or a severance package to employees whose positions are eliminated as a result of IC's acquisition of control of CC&P.

Under 49 CFR 1180, we must determine whether a proposed transaction is a major, significant, or minor transaction. The proposed transaction, which does not involve the merger or control of two or more Class I railroads and which will reunite under common control rail lines that were previously operated by IC as a single system, has no regional or national significance and will not have any anticompetitive effects. Accordingly, we find the proposal to be a minor transaction under 49 CFR 1180.2(c), consistent with the categories of transactions now defined at 49 U.S.C. 11325(a). Because the application substantially complies with the regulations governing minor transactions, we are accepting it for consideration.

The application and exhibits are available for inspection in the Public Docket Room at the Offices of the Surface Transportation Board in Washington, DC. In addition, they may be obtained upon request from applicants' representatives named above.

Interested persons, including government entities, may participate in this proceeding by submitting written comments. Any person who files timely comments will be considered a party of record if the person so requests. No petition for leave to intervene need be filed.

Consistent with 49 CFR 1180.4(d)(1)(iii), written comments must contain:

(a) The docket number and title of the proceeding;

(b) The name, address, and telephone number of the commenting party and its representative upon whom service shall be made;

(c) The commenting party's position, i.e., whether it supports or opposes the proposed transaction;

(d) A statement whether the commenting party intends to participate formally in the proceeding, or merely comment on the proposal;

(e) If desired, a request for an oral hearing with reasons supporting this request; the request must indicate the disputed material facts that can be resolved only at a hearing; and

(f) A list of all information sought to be discovered from applicant carriers.

Because we have determined that this proposal is a minor transaction, no responsive applications will be permitted. Except as noted above, the time limits for processing a minor transaction, set forth at 49 U.S.C. 11325(d), govern.

Discovery may begin immediately. We admonish the parties to resolve all discovery matters expeditiously and amicably.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

*It is ordered:*

1. This application is accepted for consideration under 49 U.S.C. 11323-25 as a minor transaction under 49 CFR 1180.2(c).

2. The parties shall comply with all provisions stated above.

3. This decision is effective on March 1, 1996.

Decided: February 23, 1996.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Simmons, and Commissioner Owen.

Vernon A. Williams,  
*Secretary.*

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## UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

### Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition; Determination

Notice is hereby given of the following determination: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978 (43 FR 13359, March 29, 1978), and Delegation Order No. 85-5 of June 27, 1985 (50 FR 27393, July 2, 1985), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibit, "Agayuliyarput (Our Way of Making Prayer): The Living Tradition of Yup'ik

Masks" (See list <sup>1</sup>), imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lenders. I also determine that the temporary exhibition or display of the listed exhibit objects at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art, Anchorage, Alaska from on or about May 9, 1996 to on or about October 29, 1996, is in the national interest. Public Notice of this determination is ordered to be published in the Federal Register.

Dated: February 27, 1996.

Les Jin,

*General Counsel.*

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### **Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition; Determination**

Notice is hereby given of the following determination: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978 (43 F.R. 13359, March 29, 1978), and Delegation Order No. 85-5 of June 27, 1985 (50 F.R. 27393, July 2, 1985), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibit, "Marc Chagall 1907-1917" (See list <sup>1</sup>), imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lenders. I also determine that the temporary exhibition or display of the

<sup>1</sup> A copy of this list may be obtained by contacting Mr. Paul W. Manning, Assistant General Counsel, at 202 619-5997, and the address is Room 700, U.S. Information Agency, 301 Fourth Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20547-0001.

<sup>1</sup> A copy of this list may be obtained by contacting Mr. Paul W. Manning, Assistant General Counsel, at 202/619-5997, and the address is Room 700, U.S. Information Agency, 301 Fourth Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547-0001.

listed exhibit objects at The Jewish Museum, New York, NY, on or about March 31, 1996 through August 30, 1996, is in the national interest. Public Notice of this determination is ordered to be published in the Federal Register.

Dated: February 27, 1996.

Les Jin,

*General Counsel.*

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### **Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition; Determination**

Notice is hereby given of the following determination: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978 (43 F.R. 13359, March 29, 1978), and Delegation Order No. 85-5 of June 27, 1985 (50 F.R. 27393, July 2, 1985), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibit, "Picasso and Potraiture: Representation and Transformation" (See list <sup>1</sup>), imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lenders. I also determine that the temporary exhibition or display of the listed exhibit objects at The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY, from on or about April 24, 1996, to on or about September 17, 1996, is in the national interest. Public Notice of this determination is ordered to be published in the Federal Register.

Dated: February 27, 1996.

Les Jin,

*General Counsel.*

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of this list may be obtained by contacting Ms. Jacqueline H. Caldwell, Assistant General Counsel, at 202/619-6982, and the address is Room 700, U.S. Information Agency, 301 Fourth Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547-0001.

### **Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition; Determination**

On February 2, 1996, notice was published at page 3964 of the Federal Register [61 FR 3964] by the United States Information Agency pursuant to the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459) relating to objects being imported by the Yeshiva University Museum for an exhibit entitled "Sacred Realm: The Emergence of the Synagogue in the Ancient World." Since that notice was published, the Yeshiva University Museum has decided to add an additional object to the proposed exhibit, namely a certain seven-armed marble chandelier from the 3rd century.<sup>1</sup> I hereby determine that the chandelier to be added to the exhibit, imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, is of cultural significance. The object will be imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lender. I also determine that the temporary exhibition or display of the additional object at Yeshiva University Museum, New York, New York, from on or about March 1, 1996, to on or about February 28, 1997, is in the national interest.

Public notice of this determination is ordered to be published in the Federal Register.

Dated: February 27, 1996.

Les Jin,

*General Counsel.*

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of the complete list of objects may be obtained by contacting Mr. Paul W. Manning of the Office of the General Counsel of USIA. The telephone number is 202/619-5997, and the address is Room 700, United States Information Agency, 301 4th Street SW., Washington, DC 20547.