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**Recommendation Letters to the
Department of Justice Concerning
Settlement Offers Covering Persons or
Periods Not in Suit**

Authority: For matters under their respective jurisdictions, to sign recommendation letters to the Department of Justice concerning Settlement Offers *related* to pending refund cases or any other cases or matters referred to the Department of Justice for prosecution or defense with respect to persons or periods not in suit.

Delegated to: Chief Counsel, Associate Chief Counsel, Deputy Associate Chief Counsel.

Authority: For matters under their respective jurisdictions, to sign recommendation letters concerning Settlement Offers *related* to pending refund cases or any other cases or matters referred to the Department of Justice for prosecution or defense with respect to: (a) periods not in suit ending prior to the date of the resulting settlement agreement; (b) tax consequences for periods not in suit ending after the date of the settlement agreement that necessarily result from the settlement of the periods in suit; (c) issues conceded in full by the taxpayer for periods not in suit ending after the date of the settlement agreement; (d) persons not in suit for the periods described in (a); and (e) persons not in suit for the items described in (b) and (c).

Delegated to: Regional Counsel,
District Counsel, Assistant Chief
Counsel.

In exercising both of the above authorities, the advice of the Chief of Appeals and/or District Director with jurisdiction over the nonsuit persons or periods should be obtained and considered.

Redelegation: The authority delegated herein may not be redelegated.

Sources of Authority: 26 CFR 301.7122-1, 26 CFR 301.7701-9. To the extent that authority previously exercised consistent with this order may require ratification, it is hereby approved and ratified. This order supersedes Delegation Order No. 155 (Rev. 3), effective October 1, 1991.

Dated: August 15, 1996.

Michael P. Dolan,

Deputy Commissioner.

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Office of Thrift Supervision

**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

August 29, 1996.

The Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) has submitted the following

public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the OTS Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the OTS Clearance Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, N. W., Washington, D.C. 20552.

OMB Number: 1550-0081.

Form Number: Not Applicable.

Type of Review: Extension of an approved collection.

Title: Release of Unpublished OTS Information.

Description: This rule provides an orderly mechanism for expeditious processing of requests from the public (including litigants in lawsuits where OTS is not a party) for non-public or confidential OTS information (documents and testimony), while preserving OTS' need to maintain the confidentiality of such information.

Respondents: For Profit and Not-for-Profit Organizations and Individuals,
Estimated Number of Respondents: 103.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Response: 5.

Frequency of Response: Once per lawsuit.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 2,500.

Clearance Officer: Colleen M. Devine, (202) 906-6025, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 Street, N. W., Washington, D.C. 20552.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Catherine C.M. Teti,

Director, Records Management and Information Policy.

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**UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF
PEACE**

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: United States Institute of Peace.

DATE/TIME: Thursday, September 19, 1996; 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: 1550 M Street, NW., M Street Lobby Conference Room, Washington, DC 20005.

STATUS: Open Session—Portions may be closed pursuant to Subsection (c) of Section 552(b) of Title 5, United States Code, as provided in subsection

1706(h)(3) of the United States Institute of Peace Act, Public Law 98-525.

AGENDA: September Board Meeting; Approval of Minutes of the Seventy-sixth Meeting of the Board of Directors; Chairman's Report; President's Report; Committee Reports; Review of Grants and Fellowships; FY 1997-1998 Budget Review; Other General Issues

CONTACT: Dr. Sheryl Brown, Director, Office of Communications, Telephone: (202) 457-1700.

Dated: September 3, 1996.

Charles E. Nelson,

*Vice President for Management and Finance,
United States Institute of Peace.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS**

**Agency Information Collection
Activities: Proposed Collections;
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on these information collections. This request for comments is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposals for the collection of information should be received by no later than November 5, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M30), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. All comments will become a matter of public record and will be summarized in the VBA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. In this document the VBA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collections:

OMB Control Number: None assigned.