

(the period of October 1—December 31, 1997).

Dated: July 28, 1997.

**George J. Weise,**

*Commissioner of Customs.*

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## UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

### Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition; Determinations

Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: 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, "Old Masters Brought to Light: European Paintings from the National Museum of Art of Romania" 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 lender. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the listed exhibit objects at The Brauer Museum of Art, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN, from on or about September 6, 1997, to on or about October 26, 1997; The Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO, from on or about November 15, 1997, to on or about January 25, 1998; the Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, NE, from on or about February 14, 1998, to on or about April 12, 1998; The Philbrook Museum of Art, Tulsa, OK, from on or about May 17, 1998, to on or about July 12, 1998; and, The San Diego Museum of Art, San Diego, CA, from on or about August 1, 1998, to on or about October 18, 1998, is in the national interest. Public notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.<sup>1</sup>

Dated: July 25, 1997.

**Les Jin,**

*General Counsel.*

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## UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

### Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition; Determinations

Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: 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, "The Private Collection of Edgar Degas" (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 exhibition or display of the listed exhibit objects at The Metropolitan Museum of Art from on or about September 22, 1997, through January 11, 1998, is in the national interest. Public notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 25, 1997.

**Les Jin,**

*General Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Associated Health Professions Review Subcommittee of the Special Medical Advisory Group, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice that the fifth and final meeting of the Associated Health Professions Review Subcommittee of the Special Medical Advisory Group will be held August 11 and 12, 1997. This subcommittee is established to review and recommend changes in Veterans Health Administration's (VHA) role and priorities in education and training, specifically with reference to the use of associated health professionals in the delivery of healthcare. Associated health disciplines are defined as all healthcare providers other than physicians. The meeting on both days will be held at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Room 830, Washington, DC. The

meeting will convene on August 11 from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on August 12 from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 3:00 p.m.

During both days, the subcommittee will develop final revisions to the draft report to the Under Secretary for Health.

The meetings will be open to the public. Those who plan to attend or who have questions concerning the meeting should contact Linda Johnson, Ph.D., R.N., Acting Director, Associated Health Professions Office (143), at 202-273-8372.

Dated: July 24, 1997.

By Direction of the Acting Secretary.

**Heyward Bannister,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Privacy Act of 1974; Amendment of System of Records

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is adding a new routine use to the system of records entitled "Personnel and Accounting Pay System—VA" (27VA047) as set forth in the **Federal Register** 40 FR 38095 (8/26/75) and amended in 48 FR 16372 (4/15/83), 50 FR 23009 (5/30/85), 51 FR 6858 (2/26/86), 51 FR 25968 (7/17/86), 55 FR 42534 (10/19/90), 56 FR 23952 (5/24/91), 58 FR 39088 (7/21/93), 58 FR 40852 (7/30/93), and 60 FR 35448 (7/7/95). This system of records contains information on current and former salaried VA employees.

VA is in the process of upgrading its human resources and payroll delivery system. While much of the work concerning this upgrade has been accomplished by VA employees, other aspects must be accomplished by private contractors and their employees. The information involved in this project concerns VA current employees and is contained in Privacy Act system of records "Personnel and Accounting Pay System—VA" (27VA047). In addition, some routine tasks and disclosures now performed by VA personnel under the authority of existing routine uses in this system of records, such as referral of employment data to state agencies to compile unemployment compensation data, will be turned over to private contractors. In some instances, contractors will also be able to offer services that VA personnel could not

<sup>1</sup> A copy of this list may be obtained by contacting Ms. Jacqueline Caldwell, Assistant General Counsel, at 202/619-6982, and the address is Room 700, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20547-0001.

<sup>1</sup> A copy of this list may be obtained by contacting Ms. Carol Epstein, Assistant General Counsel, at 202/619-6981, and the address is Room 700, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547-0001.

offer. For example, VA has a contract to provide employee data to a contractor who will, in turn, electronically release information to third parties, such as mortgage lenders, who need to verify a VA employee's income and employment. However, such third parties cannot retrieve this information without first obtaining specific authorization or access data, such as an authorization code or number, from the individual employee about whom the third party is seeking information. The third party will also be able only to obtain information about the individual employee that provided the authorization or access data to the third party. The release of the specific authorization or access data by such individual employee to the third party will indicate the individual's authorization of disclosure of information by the contractor to the third party.

5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(1) states that no agency shall disclose information contained in a Privacy Act system of records without the written consent of the individual to whom the information pertains unless disclosure is to officers and employees of the agency which maintains the record who have a need for the record in the performance of their duties.

5 U.S.C. 552a(m)(1) states that when an agency provides by contract for the operation by or on behalf of the agency of a system of records to accomplish an agency function, the agency shall cause the requirements of this section to be applied to such system. The contractor and any employee of the contractor are considered employees of the agency for purpose of criminal sanctions imposed by subsection 552a(i)(1). However, designation of contractors and their employees as employees of an agency for purposes of the exemption found in subsection 552a(b)(1) has been the subject of conflicting court decisions. Thus, we believe that it is appropriate for VA to add a new routine use to 27VA047 to permit VA disclosures to

individuals, organizations, or agencies with whom VA has a contract or agreement in order for the contractor to perform the services of the contract or agreement.

VA has determined that the release of information for this purpose is a necessary and proper use of the information in this system of records and that the new specific routine use for transfer of this information is appropriate.

An altered system of records report and a copy of the revised system notice have been sent to the House of Representatives Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) and guidelines issued by OMB (61 FR 6428 February 20, 1996).

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments, suggestions, or objections regarding the proposed changes to the system of records to the Director, Office of Regulations Management (02D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Room 1154, Washington, DC 20420. All relevant material received before September 2, 1997, will be considered. All written comments received will be available for public inspection at the above address in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

If no public comment is received during the 30-day review period allowed for public comment, or unless otherwise published in the **Federal Register** by VA, the new routine use statement is effective September 2, 1997.

Approved July 17, 1997.

**Hershel Gober,**

*Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs.*

**Notice of Amendment To System of Records**

In the system of records identified as 27VA047, "Personnel and Accounting Pay System—VA," as set forth in the **Federal Register** 40 FR 38095 (8/26/75) and amended in 48 FR 16372 (4/15/83), 50 FR 23009 (5/30/85), 51 FR 6858 (2/26/85), 51 FR 25968 (7/17/86), 55 FR 42534 (10/19/90), 56 FR 23952 (5/24/91), 58 FR 39088 (7/21/93), 58 FR 40852 (7/30/93) and 60 FR 35448 (7/7/95), the system is amended as follows:

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**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSE OF SUCH USES:**

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29. Relevant information from this system of records may be disclosed to individuals, organizations, private or public agencies, etc., with whom VA has a contract or agreement to perform such services as VA may deem practicable for the purposes of laws administered by VA, in order for the contractor to perform the services of the contract or agreement. In accordance with the provisions of the contract or agreement, the contractor may disclose relevant information from this system of records to a third party. This includes the situation where relevant information may be disclosed to a third party upon the presentation or submission to the contractor by that third party of specific authorization or access data (e.g., an authorization code or number), which is obtained from VA or the VA contractor only by the individual employee to whom the information pertains. The employee's release of the specific authorization or access data to a third party indicates the employee's authorization for the disclosure of such information to that third party.

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