

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Senior Adviser to the Secretary and White House Liaison; Room 6311; Department of State; 2201 C Street, NW; Washington, DC 20520.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:**

Individuals who have reason to believe that the Office of the White House Liaison might have records pertaining to themselves should write to the Director, Office of IRM Programs and Services (address above). The individual must specify that he/she wishes the Records of the White House Liaison Office to be checked. At a minimum, the individuals must include: name; date and place of birth; Social Security number; approximate dates of employment with the Department of State particularly the time during which the individual was a candidate or held a non-career Presidential appointment; current mailing address and zip code; and signature.

**RECORD ACCESS AND AMENDMENT PROCEDURES:**

Individuals who wish to gain access to or amend records pertaining to themselves should write to the Director, Office of IRM Programs and Services (address above).

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

These records contain information obtained directly from the individual who is the subject of these records; Office of the Legal Adviser; Bureau of Diplomatic Security; Bureau of Personnel; Bureau of Legislative Affairs; the White House Office of Presidential Personnel; and/or individuals who know or worked with the subject and may offer recommendations.

**SYSTEM EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT:**

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a (k)(5), certain records in this system contain confidential source information and are exempted from 5 U.S.C. 522a(c)(3), (d), (e)(l), (e)(4)(G), (H) and (I), and (f). See Department of State Rules published in the **Federal Register**.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Customs Service**

[T.D. 99-3]

**Bonds; Approval To Use Authorized Facsimile Signatures and Seals**

The use of facsimile signatures and seals on Customs bonds by the

following corporate surety has been approved effective January 11, 1999: Washington International Insurance Company. Authorized facsimile signatures on file for: James A. Carpenter, Attorney-in-Fact; Michael L. Host, Attorney-in-Fact.

The corporate surety has provided the Customs Service with copies of the signatures to be used, a copy of the corporate seal, and a certified copy of the corporate resolution agreeing to be bound by the facsimile signatures and seals. This approval is without prejudice to the surety's right to affix signatures seals manually.

Dated: December 29, 1998.

**Larry L. Burton,**

*Acting Chief, Entry Procedures and Carriers Branch.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY****Internal Revenue Service****Proposed Collection; Comment Request For Form 8867**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8867, Paid Preparer's Earned Income Credit Checklist.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before March 8, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5569, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Paid Preparer's Earned Income Credit Checklist.

*OMB Number:* 1545-1629.

*Form Number:* Form 8867.

*Abstract:* Form 8867 helps preparers meet the due diligence requirements of Internal Revenue Code section 6695(g), which was added by section 1085(a)(2) of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997. Paid preparers of Federal income tax returns or claims for refund involving the earned income credit (EIC) must meet the due diligence requirements in determining if the taxpayer is eligible for the EIC and the amount of the credit. Failure to do so could result in a \$100 penalty for each failure. Completion of Form 8867 is one of the due diligence requirements.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 8,368,447.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 1 hour, 7 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 9,372,661.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number.

Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

*Request for comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.