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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.

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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.

Title and Form Number: State Application for Interment Allowance Under 38 U.S.C., Chapter 23, VA Form 21-530a.

Type of Review: New collection.

Need and Uses: The information is requested under the authority of Title 38 U.S.C., 2303, which authorizes payment to a State of \$150 as a plot or interment allowance for the burial of an eligible veteran in a cemetery owed by that State and used solely for the interment of persons eligible for burial in a national cemetery.

Current Actions: Title 38 U.S.C., 2304, requires that applications for payment must be made within 2 years of the burial of the veteran. The use of VA Form 21-530a will allow the State to consolidate applications for submission for payment. This information will reduce the processing time and ensure payment to the State in a more timely manner. VA Form 21-531a will be used to gather information from a State that is seeking payment of benefits for plot-interment allowances. This information is necessary for payment of the allowance.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Annual Burden: 20,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40,000.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0104.

Title and Form Number: Report of Accidental Injury in Support of Claim for Compensation or Benefits, VA Form 21-4176.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Need and Uses: The form is used in support of claims for disability benefits based on disability which is the result of an accident. The information given by the veteran is used as a source to gather specific data regarding the accident and to afford the veteran an opportunity to provide information from his or her own knowledge regarding the accident.

Current Actions: The VA gathers the information to comply with Title 38 U.S.C., 105, 1110, 1131, and 1521a, which provide basic requirements for line of duty and misconduct determinations. Benefits may be paid if a disability is incurred in line of duty and is not the result of the veteran's own willful misconduct under 38 CFR 3.301.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,200 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,400.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0198.

Title and Form Number: Application for Annual Clothing Allowance, VA Form 21-8678.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Need and Uses: The form is used to gather the necessary information to determine if the veteran has established entitlement to a clothing allowance payment.

Current Actions: The information is requested under the authority of Title 38 U.S.C., 1162, which provides a clothing allowance to a veteran who has service connected disability that causes him or her to wear or use a prosthetic or orthopedic appliance which tends to wear out or tear clothing. 38 CFR 3.810 grants entitlement to the clothing allowance upon application by the veteran.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,120 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,720.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0379.

Title and Form Number: Work-Study Time Record (Student Services), VA Form 22-8690.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Need and Uses: The information is used to ensure that the amount of benefits payable to the student who is pursuing work-study is correct. Without the information, the VBA would not have a basis upon which to make payment.

Current Actions: The VA has authority to pay work study allowance to veterans, reservists, and qualified dependents under Chapters 30, 32, and 25, Title 38 U.S.C., Chapter 1606, Title 10 U.S.C. Benefits are payable after completion of 50 hours of service after the initial advance payment is made (100 hours). VA Form 22-8690 serves as the report of hours completed.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government; Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Annual Burden: 12,975 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 51,900.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0399.

Title and Form Number: Student Beneficiary Report - REPS, VA Form 21-8938.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Need and Uses: The form is used to verify that an individual who is receiving the REPS (Restored Entitlement Program for Survivors) benefits based on schoolchild status is in fact enrolled full-time in an approved school and is otherwise eligible for continued benefits. The form is released each March and sent to all student beneficiaries. If the form were not used, payments would continue to be made to ineligible payees and substantial overpayments would result.

Current Actions: The program pays VA benefits to certain surviving spouses and children of veterans who died in service prior to August 13, 1981, or who died as a result of a service-connected disability incurred or aggravated prior to August 13, 1981. Child beneficiaries must be enrolled full-time in an approved post-secondary school.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,767 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,300.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0460.

Title and Form Number: Request for Verification of Employment, VA Form 26-8497.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Need and Uses: The form is used by lenders to verify a loan applicant's income and employment information when making guaranteed and insured loans. The VA, however, does not require the exclusive use of VA Form 26-8497 for verification purposes; any comprehensible form of independent verification would be acceptable, provided all information presently shown on VA Form 26-8497 is provided. VA Form 26-8497 is also used in processing direct loan cases, offers on acquired properties, and release of liability/substitution of entitlement cases when needed.

Current Actions: The VA collects data necessary for compliance with the requirements of Title 38 U.S.C. 3710(b) (2) and (3). These requirements prohibit the VA from guarantying or making any loan unless the contemplated terms of payment required in the mortgage, to be

given in part payment of the purchase price or the construction cost, bear a proper relation to the veteran's present and anticipated income and expenses and that the veteran is a satisfactory credit risk.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 58,750 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion

Estimated Number of Respondents: 235,000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Jacquie McCray, Information Management Service (045A4), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, Telephone (202) 273-8032 or FAX (202) 273-5981.

Dated: August 22, 1996.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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

AGENCY: National Cemetery System, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the National Cemetery System (NCS) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this information collection. This request for comment 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 proposal for the collection of information should be received on or before November 5, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Frances Willis, National Cemetery System (402D), 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 NCS

request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. In this document the NCS is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

OMB Control Number: None assigned.

Title: PMC (Presidential Memorial Certificate) Insert.

Type of Review: New collection.

Need and Uses: The PMC Insert will be used by the recipient to notify the NCS if the original certificate contains an error, or arrives in an unacceptable condition, or to request additional certificates for other family members. The information will be used by the NCS to promptly reissue or provide additional certificates.

Current Actions: The PMC Program was initiated in March 1962 by President John F. Kennedy to honor the memory of honorably discharged deceased veterans. The program has been continued by all subsequent Presidents. A PMC is mailed to relatives and friends to honor the deceased veteran's military service to the Nation. In most cases involving recent deaths, the local VA regional office originates the process without a request from the next-of-kin. With the automation of the program, the insert will accompany the issuance of the original certificate. The insert will provide a convenient method for the recipients of the original PMC to request additional certificates and/or replacement or corrected certificates.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,080 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 2 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 32,400.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Jacquie McCray, Information Management Service (045A4), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, Telephone (202) 273-8032 or FAX (202) 273-5981.

Dated: August 23, 1996.

By direction of the Secretary.

William T. Morgan,

Management Analyst.

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**Agency Information Collection:
Submissions for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposals for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

OMB Control Number: 2900-0099.

Title and Form Number: Request for Change of Program or Place of Training—Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance, VA Form 22-5495.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Need and Uses: This form is completed by a veteran's spouse, surviving spouse, or child to indicate a change in program and/or place of training. The VBA uses the information to determine if the student is eligible for dependents' educational assistance for the new program and/or place of training.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 4,850 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes per application.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 9,700.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0171.

Title and Form Number: Application and Enrollment Certification for Individualized Tutorial Assistance, VA Form 22-1990t.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Need and Uses: The VA uses the information collected to determine eligibility for tutorial assistance. The form is sent by the applicant to the school for certification and transmission to the VA. The school will transmit the form to the appropriate VA regional office (i.e., Atlanta, Buffalo, Muskogee, or St. Louis) with jurisdiction over the area where the school is located. Without the information on this form, the VA would be unable to determine the applicant's eligibility for tutorial assistance.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.