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Donald P. Byrne,

Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulations.

Petitions for Exemption

Docket No.: 28167.

Petitioner: Mr. Reid W. Dennis.

Sections of the FAR Affected: 14 CFR 91.313(d).

Description of Relief Sought: To allow carriage of non-paying passengers (including photographic personnel and other non-crew members mission support personnel) on Mr. Dennis' Gruman HU-16C, Registration No. N44RD, restricted category civil aircraft on photographic historical research missions and for associated travel with their equipment onboard the aircraft as it makes its way between intended photographic locations at remote historical sites.

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RTCA, Inc., Special Committee 162; Aviation Systems Design Guidelines for Open Systems Interconnection (OSI)

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for the Special Committee 162 meeting to be held May 7-9, 1996, starting at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at RTCA, 1140 Connecticut Avenue NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036.

The agenda will be as follows: (1) Chairman's Introductory Remarks; (2) Approval of Proposed Meeting Agenda; (3) Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting; (4) Reports of Related Activities Being Conducted by Other Organizations; (5) Review of "ATN Avionics MOPS"; (6) Other Business; (7) Date and Place of Next Meeting.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons

wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone) or (202) 833-9434 (fax). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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RTCA, Inc., Special Committee 172; Future Air-Ground Communications in the VHF Aeronautical Data Band (118-137 MHz)

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for Special Committee 172 meeting to be held May 6-9, 1996, starting at 9:30 a.m. on May 6. The meeting will be held at RTCA, 1140 Connecticut Avenue NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036.

The agenda will be as follows: Monday, May 6, Plenary Convened at 9:30 a.m.: (1) Introductory Remarks; (2) Approval of the Agenda; (3) Review and Approve the Summary of the Previous Meeting; (4) Discussion of High Level System Design Tutorial of TDMA (Technical Overview, Operational Applications, and Tuning Issues); (5) Reports on CSMA Validation and FAA Vocoder Activity. Tuesday, May 7, Working Group (WG) 2, VHF Data Radio Signal-in-Space MASPS, Report on ICAO AMCP 4, and continue refinement of upper layers. Wednesday, May 8, (Morning) WG 2 Continues; (Afternoon) WG 3 Review Activities in VHF Digital Radio MOPS Document Program. Thursday, May 9, Plenary Reconvenes at 9:00 a.m.; (6) Reports from WG 2 and WG 3; (7) Address Future Work; (8) Other Business; (9) Date and Place of Next Meeting.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone) or (202) 833-9434 (fax). Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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Federal Highway Administration

[FHWA Docket No. MC-96-14]

Notice of Request for Reinstatement of an Expired Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the FHWA to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to reinstate the expired information collection that documents the qualification of commercial motor vehicle drivers and the expired information collection that notifies the FHWA of a new motor carrier.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 17, 1996.

ADDRESSES: All signed, written comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and must be submitted to HCC-10, room 4232, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Highway Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard/envelope.

Interested parties are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of these information collections, including, but not limited to: (1) The necessity and utility of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the FHWA; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways to minimize the collection burden without reducing the quality of the collected information. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB reinstatement of this information collection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Peter C. Chandler, Office of Motor Carrier Research and Standards, (202)

366-5763, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Driver Qualification Files.

OMB Number: 2125-0065.

Background: The authority for driver qualification files is contained in 49 U.S.C. 504, 31133, 31136, and 31502, and 49 CFR 1.48, with penalty provisions in 49 U.S.C. 521 and 522. 49 CFR 391.51 requires a motor carrier to maintain a driver qualification file for each regularly employed driver and each intermittent, casual, and occasional driver. The file contains the minimum amount of information necessary to document that a driver is qualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle in interstate commerce. A driver qualification file is used by the FHWA and motor carrier to ensure that a driver who operates a commercial motor vehicle in interstate commerce, can by reason of experience and/or training, safely operate a type of commercial motor vehicle; has been issued an appropriate driver's license; and has not been disqualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle. Public demand for highway safety requires that the hiring of commercial motor vehicle drivers be restricted to those drivers with records which prove their ability to safely operate a commercial motor vehicle.

Respondents: Motor Carriers.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: 34 minutes for newly hired drivers; 8 minutes for drivers employed longer than one year; 1 minute for intermittent, casual, and occasional drivers.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 1,047,749 hours.

Frequency: The requirements pertaining to driver qualification files are recordkeeping requirements. A driver qualification file must be kept by a motor carrier as long as the driver is employed by such motor carrier and for 3 years thereafter.

Title: Motor Carrier Identification Report.

OMB Number: 2125-0544.

Background: Section 206 of the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1984 requires the Secretary of Transportation to establish minimum safety standards for commercial motor vehicle safety. 49 U.S.C. 504 provides the Secretary of Transportation authority to require special reports containing answers to questions asked by the Secretary and to

prescribe the form of records. Authority pertaining to commercial motor vehicle safety has been delegated to the FHWA. In order to administer its safety standards, the FHWA needs to possess a database of entities that are subject to the agency's standards. A database necessitates that entities subject to the FHWA's standards notify the agency of their existence. Therefore, 49 CFR 385.21 requires all motor carriers beginning operations to file the Motor Carrier Identification Report, Form MCS-150, within 90 days of beginning operations.

Respondents: Motor Carriers.

Average Burden per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 2,917 hours.

Frequency: One-time reporting requirement.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; sec. 3506(c)(2)(A) of Pub.L. 104-13; 49 CFR 1.48.

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Rodney E. Slater,

Federal Highway Administrator.

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**Environmental Impact Statement:
Anchorage, AK**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Cancellation of Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement; Reference: Federal Register, 59 FR 46879, 9/12/94, 95 lines.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to inform the public that an environmental impact statement (EIS) will not be prepared for the proposed upgrading and extension of Dowling Road from the Raspberry Road Interchange at Minnesota Drive eastward to Lake Otis Parkway. The scope of the proposed project has been reduced and there should be no significant environmental impacts as a result of this project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Bryson, Right-of-Way/Environmental Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, P.O. Box 021648, Juneau, AK 99802-1648 or; Steven R. Horn, Preliminary Design & Environmental Supervisor, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF), P.O. Box 196900, Anchorage, AK 99519-6900.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The new project scope considers the upgrading of Dowling Road between the Old Seward Highway and Lake Otis Parkway, a

distance approximately 1.7 km (1 mi.). The revised proposal would widen this segment of Dowling Road to a four-lane urban arterial with auxiliary lanes. Any consideration of the upgrading or extension of Dowling Road as defined by the original project scope will be deferred until a Major Investment Study (MIS) is performed for the area.

The adoption of this proposal is supported by written and oral comments gathered during the public scoping process that commenced in August 1994. Public comments favored the early upgrading of the most heavily travelled portion of the existing roadway, but questioned the need for extending Dowling Road to Minnesota Drive. Since the shortened project would relieve traffic congestion and have independent utility, it was decided to reduce the project scope and defer action on the remainder of the route until the MIS is completed.

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Robert E. Ruby,

Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Juneau, Alaska.

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**UNITED STATES INFORMATION
AGENCY**

**Curriculum Consultants Exchange
Program with the New Independent
States**

ACTION: Notice; request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The Office of Academic Programs, Academic Exchange Programs Division, European Programs Branch of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an assistance award program. Applications from U.S. educational, cultural, and other nonprofit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c)(3)-1 may apply for assistance to exchange qualified educators or advanced graduate students from the United States, Armenia, Azerbaijan*, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Ukraine and Uzbekistan for up to one academic year for the purposes of curriculum consultations and development in the fields of the humanities and social sciences.

*Please note: Programs with Azerbaijan are subject to restrictions of Section 907 of the Freedom Support Act: Employees of the Government of Azerbaijan or any of its instrumentalities are excluded from participation, and no U.S. participant