

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Internal Revenue Service****Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Notice 97-34**

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 Notice 97-34, Information Reporting on Transactions With Foreign Trusts and on Large Foreign Gifts.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 7, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the notice should be directed to Carol Savage, (202) 622-3945, Internal Revenue Service, room 5242, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Information Reporting on Transactions With Foreign Trusts and on Large Foreign Gifts.

OMB Number: 1545-1538.

Notice Number: Notice 99-34.

Abstract: Notice 97-34 provides guidance on the foreign trust and foreign gift information reporting provisions contained in the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996.

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

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations, and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 45 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,750.

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.

Approved: May 31, 2000.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Internal Revenue Service****Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 1041-QFT**

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

1041-QFT, U.S. Income Tax Return for Qualified Funeral Trusts.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before August 7, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 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 Larnice Mack, (202) 622-3179, Internal Revenue Service, room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: U. S. Income Tax Return for Qualified Funeral Trusts.

OMB Number: 1545-1593.

Form Number: 1041-QFT

Abstract: Internal Revenue Code section 685 allows the trustee of a qualified funeral trust to elect to report and pay the tax for the trust. Form 1041-QFT is used for this purpose. The IRS uses the information on the form to determine that the trustee filed the proper return and paid the correct tax.

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: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15,000.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 14 hr., 34 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 218,550.

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.

Approved: May 31, 2000.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

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DATE/TIME: Thursday—June 15, 2000 (4 p.m.–9:00 p.m.), Friday—June 16, 2000 (9 a.m.–6 p.m.), Saturday—June 17, 2000 (9 a.m.–12 noon).

LOCATION: Airlie Conference Center, Airlie, Virginia.

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: June 2000 Board Meeting; Approval of Minutes of the Ninety-Fourth Meeting (March 16, 2000) of the Board of Directors; Chairman's Report; President's Report; Review and Discussion of Individual Grants and Fellowships; Review Essay Finalists and Select Winners; Committee Reports; Discuss Research & Studies Project Reports; Review Fellowship Policies; Review Plans for Education and Training Programs; Other General Issues.

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

Dated: May 31, 2000.

Charles E. Nelson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans' Advisory Committee on Rehabilitation; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 that a meeting of the Veterans' Advisory Committee on Rehabilitation (VACOR), authorized by Public Law 96-466, Subsection 1521, will be held on July 11th through 13th, 2000. The meeting will be held at VA Central Office, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Room 430, Washington, DC 20420. On July 11th and 12th, the meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. On July 13th, the meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 12:00 noon. The purpose of the meeting is to review the quality of the services which the Department of Veterans Affairs provides to disabled veterans who participate in VA sponsored programs of rehabilitation. In addition, VACOR will conduct an internal business meeting focusing on a review of past activities and the development of future initiatives.

On July 11th, the meeting will begin with opening remarks and an overview of VACOR activities (including the introduction of new members) by the new VACOR Chairman, Mr. Richard K. Pimentel. Schedule permitting, the Honorable Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary of Veterans Affairs, will address VACOR and present certificates of appointment to its new members. Following the

Secretary's presentation, Mr. James Adams, Deputy Assistant General Counsel, will brief members on the Federal regulations covering ethical standards for members as well as assist in the completion of required Financial Disclosure Forms. The afternoon session will consist of a review of the VACOR mandate and charter.

On July 12, Mr. Julius Williams, Director of Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service (VR&E), along with selected program staff members, will present an update of new VR&E Program initiatives installed with VR&E during the past year. During the afternoon of the 12th, Dr. Mindy L. Aisen, Director of Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, will present a program report on VA rehabilitation research projects entitled, "What We Do Today Impacts On Tomorrow's Rehabilitation Decisions" Honorable Dennis Duffy, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Analysis, will conclude the day's program with a review of the background and research developed in support of the new VA publication, "The Changing Veteran Population: 1990-2020."

The final day of the meeting, July 13, will consist of a review of past unfinished business, the generation and formulation of recommendations for needed program changes, and a discussion of future meeting sites and potential agenda topics.

All meetings will be open to the public. Oral statements will be heard at the July 13 morning meeting. If additional information is needed, please contact Mr. Frank J. Donlan, Counseling Psychologist, Department of Veterans Affairs, at (202) 273-7436.

Dated: June 1, 2000.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Marvin R. Eason,

Committee Management Officer.

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