OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

Agency Information Collection Activities; Request for Comment

AGENCY: Office of Special Counsel.

ACTION: Final Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), and implementing regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC), plans to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for use of four previously approved information collections consisting of complaint forms. These collections are listed below. The current OMB approval for Forms OSC-11, OSC-12, OSC-13, OSC-14 and the OSC Survey expire 9/30/08. We are submitting all four forms and the electronic survey for renewal, based on the upcoming date of expiration. Two of the four forms are being revised, Forms OSC-11 and OSC-12, Form OSC-11 has had major changes made to its electronic version, so that it has a certain amount of “intelligence” now built in. Depending upon your responses, it navigates you to the proper sections; it also has help menus for those who need more information prior to making their selections. The electronic form OSC-12 had minor modifications made to it, in order to allow it to be integrated into the new software used to support form OSC-11. Current and former Federal employees, employee representatives, other Federal agencies, state and local government employees, and the general public are invited to comment on this information collection for the second time. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of OSC functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of OSC’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collections of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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. Additionally, the electronic forms OSC-11 and OSC-12 can be accessed online at https://www.osc.gov/testnewforms/ for test purposes during the 60 day period of this notice.

DATES: Comments should be received by July 11, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Roderick Anderson, Director of Planning and Analysis, U.S. Office of Special Counsel, 1730 M Street, NW., Suite 218, Washington, DC 20036–4505.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roderick Anderson, Director of Planning and Analysis at the address shown above; by facsimile at (202) 254–3715. The paper versions of the complaint forms for the collection of information are available for review on OSC’s Web site, at http://www.osc.gov/forms.htm. The screen captures of the electronic forms are available for review on OSC’s web site at http://www.osc.gov/library.htm. For those wishing to test out the new functionality of the “interactive” form OSC-11 and OSC-12, see above. You will be able to create a user name and password, and log in to test out the form.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: OSC is an independent agency responsible for, among other things, (1) investigation of allegations of prohibited personnel practices defined by law at 5 U.S.C. 2302(b), protection of whistleblowers, and certain other illegal employment practices under titles 5 and 38 of the U.S. Code, affecting current or former Federal employees or applicants for employment, and covered state and local government employees; and (2) the interpretation and enforcement of Hatch Act provisions on political activity in chapters 15 and 73 of title 5 of the U.S. Code.

Title of Collections: (1) Form OSC-11, (Complaint of Possible Prohibited Personnel Practice of Other Prohibited Activity; (2) Form OSC-12 (Information about filing a Whistleblower Disclosure with the Office of Special Counsel); (3) Form OSC-13 (Complaint of Possible Prohibited Political Activity (Violation of the Hatch Act)); (4) Form OSC-14 (Complaint of Possible Violation of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA)).

Type of Information Collection: Request: Approval of a previously approved collection of information, of which the forms and survey expire on 9/30/08. Also request that the revised electronic versions of forms OSC-11 and OSC-12 be approved.


Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 2,700.

Frequency: Daily.

Estimated Average Amount of Time for a Person to Respond: 64 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,899 hours.

Abstract: This form is used by current and former Federal employees and
applicants for Federal employment to submit allegations of possible prohibited personnel practices or other prohibited activity for investigation and possible prosecution by OSC.

Dated: May 21, 2008.

Scott J. Bloch,
Special Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 6243]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS–157, Supplemental Nonimmigrant Visa Form, OMB Control Number 1405–0134

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the Federal Register preceding submission to OMB. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Title of Information Collection: Supplemental Nonimmigrant Visa Form.

OMB Control Number: 1405–0134.

Type of Request: Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

Originating Office: Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State (CA/VO).

Form Number: DS–157.

Respondents: Nonimmigrant visa applicants legally required to provide additional security and background information.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,000,000.

Estimated Number of Responses: 4,000,000.

Average Hours Per Response: 1 hour.

Total Estimated Burden: 4,000,000.

Frequency: Once per respondent.

Obligation to Respond: Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from June 2, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

E-mail: VisaRegs@state.gov (Subject line must read DS–157 Reauthorization).
Fax: (202) 663–3898
You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Lauren Prosnik of the Office of Visa Services, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E Street, NW., L–603, Washington, DC 20520, who may be reached at (202) 663–2951.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.

Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

Applicants will use this form to apply for a nonimmigrant visa to enter the United States. U.S. embassies and consulates will use the data provided in conjunction with the DS–156 to help determine whether aliens are eligible to receive nonimmigrant visas.

Methodology

Applicants may fill out the DS–157 online or print the page and fill it out by hand, and submit it in person at the time of interview.


Stephen A. Edson,
Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6241]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “The Tsar and the President: Alexander II and Abraham Lincoln”

SUMMARY: 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, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, et seq.; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, et seq.), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, and Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003 [68 FR 19875], I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition “Power and Glory: Court Arts of China’s Ming Dynasty”, imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, CA, from on or about June 27, 2008, until on or about September 21, 2008; the Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, IN, beginning on or about October 26, 2008, until on or about January 11, 2009, the St. Louis Museum of Art, St. Louis, MO, from on or about February 21, 2009, until on or about May 17, 2009, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest.

Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the Federal Register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Julie Simpson, Attorney–Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: (202) 435–8050). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA–44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547–0001.

Dated: May 27, 2008.

C. Miller Crouch,
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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