

rate will be 6.125 (6 $\frac{1}{8}$) percent for the October–December quarter of FY 2001.

LeAnn M. Oliver,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Financial Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Washington, DC District Advisory Council; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration Washington, DC District Advisory Council, located in the metropolitan area of Washington, DC, will hold a public meeting from 9 a.m.–11 a.m., Wednesday, October 11, 2000, at The Washington Times, 3600 New York Avenue, NE., Washington, DC, to discuss such matters as may be presented by members, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or others present.

For further information, write or call Anita L. Irving, Public Information Officer, U.S. Small Business Administration, 1110 Vermont Avenue, NW., Suite 900, (P.O. Box 34500), Washington, DC 20043–4500; telephone 202–606–4000, ext. 275.

Bettie Baca,

Counselor to the Administrator/Public Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3430]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “Painting Revolution: Kandinsky, Malevich and the Russian Avant-Garde”

AGENCY: United States Department of State.

ACTION: Amendment.

SUMMARY: On July 25, 2000, Notice was published on page 45814 of the **Federal Register** (Volume 65, Number 143) by the Department of State pursuant to Pub. L 3370 relating to the exhibit “Painting Revolution: Kandinsky, Malevich and the Russian Avant-Garde.” The referenced Notice is amended as follows. Replace “July 9, 2001” with “July 29, 2001.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of exhibit objects, contact Jacqueline Caldwell, Attorney-Adviser, Office of

the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/619–6982). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA–44, 301 4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547–0001.

Dated: September 27, 2000.

William B. Bader,

Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, United States Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3439]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “Dresden Green Diamond”

AGENCY: U.S. Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

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), the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, I hereby determine that the Dresden Green Diamond, imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, is of cultural significance. The object is imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign lender. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the object at the Harry Winston Research Foundation, Inc., New York, New York, on October 11, 2000, and at the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, from on or about October 12, 2000, to on or about January 15, 2001, 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, contact Lorie J. Nierenberg, Assistant Legal Adviser for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/619–5078). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA–44, 301–4th Street, SW., Room 700, Washington, DC 20547–0001.

Dated: October 3, 2000.

William B. Bader,

Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3431]

Bureau of European Affairs; U.S. Bilateral Assistance to Bosnia and Serbia

The Secretary of State issued on March 15, 2000, a waiver of restrictions under Section 566 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2000, for bilateral assistance to the Republika Srpska (RS) and Serbia (excluding Kosovo), as follows:

(1) In the Republika Srpska—support for civilian police restructuring; USAID and State public diplomacy programs promoting democratization, reconciliation, and free and independent media; the Community Reintegration and Stabilization Project of USAID, as well as its Bosnia Business Development, Economic Reform and Democratic Reform Programs; OSCE-supervised elections and human rights activities; and Trade and Development Agency (TDA) activities designed to assist U.S. businesses in Bosnia. The municipalities of Foca, Pale, and Prijedor are excluded from this waiver, because competent authorities have failed to take necessary and significant steps to apprehend and transfer war crimes indictees to the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. These municipalities will not be eligible for new U.S. assistance.

(2) In Serbia: State public diplomacy and USAID programs to support democratic reform, including free and independent media and labor; economic reform and other advisory assistance to the democratic FRY opposition; developing programs with NGOs for the delivery of humanitarian assistance through new distribution mechanisms that are independent of Belgrade regime control; and technical assistance, training grants, and exchanges designed to benefit opposition-controlled municipalities.

The Secretary noted that, “Our bilateral assistance promotes Dayton and an integrated Bosnia. Recipients of U.S. assistance must state in writing their support for Dayton and then act accordingly. Our assistance has promoted the growth of pro-Dayton parties in the RS, development of independent media, minority returns, privatization and market-oriented reform, increased minority representation in the RS police force, and efforts to investigate corruption and curb police abuse.

The promotion of independent media and pro-democracy NGOs has a special significance in the aftermath of the Kosovo conflict. The Milosevic regime in Belgrade has an interest in ensuring that no pro-Western governments can survive in areas of predominantly Serb population. RS authorities have demonstrated their readiness to ensure freedom of movement for members of opposition political parties and the

independent media from Serbia. The response from the Belgrade regime has been to curb dissemination of democratically-oriented media from the RS into Serbia and to issue threats against representatives of the RS government.

Section 566 requires publication of a listing and justification of any assistance that is obligated for any country, entity, or canton to which assistance restrictions apply, including a description of the purpose of the assistance project and its location, by municipality.

The following data are for funds obligated during April–July 2000. Locality data are provided where feasible. However, U.S. assistance in Bosnia, including Republika Srpska has largely shifted from physical reconstruction projects to provision of technical assistance and promotion of political and economic reform. As indicated below, assistance in Serbia is geared toward increasing capabilities of political opposition parties and the independent media. U.S. bilateral aid implementers apply strict screening procedures to ensure that aid beneficiaries, whether of business credits or technical assistance, are firms or organizations in which war crimes indictees have no material influence or interest.

USAID: Bosnia/Republika SRPSKA

The following list gives, in order, Date of Obligation, Amount of Obligation, Project Number, Project Title, Description of Activity, Justification of Assistance, Location.

- 4/04/00. \$549,916. 180–0021. Political and Social Process. Voter Education Assistance. Throughout Bosnia-Herzegovina (includes RS)
- 4/04/00. \$109,000. 180–0021. Political and Social Process. Electoral polling in support of April municipal elections. Throughout Bosnia-Herzegovina (includes RS)
- 4/19/00. \$65,000. 180–0021. Political and Social Process. Support political resource center to service candidates and parties. Visegrad (RS).
- 5/2/00. \$2,721,834. 180–0056. Bosnia Reconstruction Finance. Technical assistance to the business development program, to support loan program to private enterprises. Throughout RS, with emphasis on US SFOR AOR.
- 5/4/00. \$3,501,249. 180–0014. Privatization & Enterprise Restructuring. Provide service delivery and management at selected banks. Supports development of private sector

economy. Primarily Western RS in US—SFOR AOR.

- 5/12/00. \$244,117. 180–0021. Political and Social Process. Grant with ABA/CEELI. Improve management of court system. RS wide.
- 5/17/00. \$3,000,000. 180–0014. Privatization & Enterprise Restructuring. Provide technical assistance and training in international accounting and audit standards. Supports development of private sector economy. Primarily Western RS in US—SFOR AOR.
- 5/25/00. \$400,000. 180–0014. Privatization & Enterprise Restructuring. Conducting financial verification of payments bureaus. Supports international community priority of shutting down payments bureau system by December 2000 and restructuring BiH financial system along Western lines. Throughout RS.
- 5/25/00. \$489,957. 180–0019. Democratic Governance. Provision of technical assistance to managers and administrators. Supporting democratization. Throughout RS.
- 5/31/00. \$4,643,917. 180–0022. Media Training. Technical assistance to independent electronic and print media. Federation and RS.
- 6/6/00. \$502,193. 180–0032. NGO Development. Strengthen civil society by facilitating NGO development through training and technical assistance. Federation and RS.

USAID: Serbia

- 5/1/00. \$995,556. 180–0021. Political and Social Process. Political party development. Economic program development; for use in opposition election campaigns and to guide polices once the political opposition is elected to office.
- 5/10/00. \$990,131. 180–0021. Political and Social Process. Political party development; increase cohesiveness and electoral outreach capabilities of democratic opposition parties.
- 5/15/00. \$227,820. 180–0021. Political and Social Process. Political party development. Aims to increase cohesiveness and electoral outreach capabilities of democratic opposition parties.
- 5/24/00. \$822,470. 180–0021. Political and Social Process. Political party development; increase cohesiveness and electoral outreach capabilities of democratic opposition parties.
- 6/5/00. \$500,000. 180–0020. Rule of Law. Work with legal community toward a more democratic legal framework. Goal: improve legal

system that sustains democratic process.

- 6/22/00. \$1,100,000. 180–0021 and 180–0032. Political and Social Process; NGO Development. Political campaign training and vote mobilization activities; develop social and political advocacy capabilities of NGOs. Goals: Increase electoral capabilities of opposition parties; strengthen NGO role in democratic process.
- 6/29/00. \$1,000,000. 180–0021. Political and Social Process. Elections Program: Increase electoral capabilities of opposition parties through more effective civil society training and advocacy.
- 7/11/00. \$629,460. 180–0032. NGO Development. Use telecottage concept to facilitate information sharing. Goal: Strengthen advocacy capabilities of civil society.
- 7/14/00. \$7,767,480. 180–0022. Independent Media. Training and direct material assistance to improve capabilities of independent media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Office of the SEED Coordinator, Department of State, 2101 C St NW, Washington, DC 20521, 202–647–0853.

Dated: October 5, 2000.

Larry C. Napper,

Coordinator for East European Assistance, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG 2000–8032]

Collection of Information Under Review by Office of Management and Budget (OMB): OMB Control Numbers 2115–0617 and 2115–0016

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Coast Guard intends to seek the approval of OMB for the renewal of two Information Collection Requests (ICRs). The ICRs comprise (1) Direct Users' Fees for Inspection or Examination of U.S. and Foreign Commercial Vessels, and (2) Characteristics of Liquid Chemicals Proposed for Movement in Bulk by Water. Before submitting the ICRs to OMB, the Coast Guard is requesting comments on the items described below.