

to be destroyed or litigation involving the file is concluded.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Associate General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, 1250 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Inquiries under the Privacy Act of 1974 should be addressed to the Privacy Act Officer, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, 1250 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005. All individuals making inquiries should provide with their request as much descriptive matter as is possible to identify the particular record desired. The System Manager will advise as to whether the Board or FMS will process the record request.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals requesting information under the Privacy Act of 1974 concerning procedures for gaining access or contesting records should write to the Privacy Act Officer. All individuals are urged to examine the regulations at 5 CFR part 1630 concerning Board requirements with respect to the Privacy Act of 1974.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

See "Record Access Procedures" above.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information in this system of records is obtained from the individual or entity, the Board, creditor agencies, Federal employing agencies, Government corporations, collection agencies, credit bureaus, and Federal, state, and local agencies furnishing identifying information.

SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

None.

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FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

ACTION: Notice of new system of fraud and forgery records.

SUMMARY: The Executive Director of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board (Board) is establishing a new system of records, FRTIB-13, Fraud and Forgery Records, consisting of records

on Thrift Savings Plan participants who are alleged to have committed a fraud or forgery with respect to their accounts.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than October 20, 1997. The proposed notice will be effective October 20, 1997, unless the Board receives comments which would result in a different determination. If comments received result in a different determination, the document will be republished with the change.

ADDRESS: Comments may be sent to Thomas L. Gray, Assistant General Counsel for Administration, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, 1250 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas L. Gray, Assistant General Counsel for Administration, (202) 942-1662. FAX (202) 942-1676.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board was established by the Federal Employees' Retirement System Act of 1986 (FERSA), Pub. L. 99-335, 100 Stat. 514, which has been codified, as amended, largely at 5 U.S.C. 8351 and 8401-8479 (1994), as an independent agency in the Executive Branch to administer the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP). The TSP is a tax-deferred retirement savings plan for Federal employees that is similar to cash or deferred arrangements established under section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code.

There are over two million TSP participants. To preserve the integrity of the Plan and protect the TSP accounts, the TSP will take action to prosecute any participant who attempts or commits a fraud or forgery with respect to their account. The information in this record system will be used for that purpose. These records consists of transactions in a participant's account and investigatory material related to a fraud or forgery allegation. When, for example, an allegation is made that a signature on a TSP document has been forged or that false information has been provided to the Board or to the TSP Service Office, the Board investigates the allegation and creates a file. When the Board's investigation produces support for the allegation that a fraud or forgery has been committed, the Board refers the matter to the United States Department of Justice and, if the participant is currently employed in the Federal service, to the participant's employing agency for further

investigation and administrative action or civil or criminal prosecution.

Roger W. Mehle,

Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

FRTIB-13

SYSTEM NAME:

Fraud and Forgery Records.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

These records are located at the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, 1250 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005 and at the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) Service Office at the National Finance Center, Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 61500, New Orleans, LA 70161-1500.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

These records contain information on Thrift Savings Plan participants who are alleged to have committed a fraud or forgery relating to their accounts.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

These records contain the following kinds of information: Thrift Savings Plan account records relevant to the fraud or forgery allegation; documentation of complaints and allegations of fraud and forgery; exhibits, statements, affidavits, or records obtained during the investigation; court and administrative orders, transcripts, and documents; internal staff memoranda; staff working papers; other documents and records related to the inquiry, investigation, and disposition of the allegations; and all reports on the investigation.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

5 U.S.C. 8474.

PURPOSE:

These records are used to inquire into and investigate allegations that a Thrift Savings Plan participant has committed a fraud or forgery relating to their account.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

These records and information in these records may be used to disclose information to:

1. The appropriate Federal, foreign, state, local, or tribal agency or other public authority responsible for enforcing, investigating, or prosecuting such violation or charged with enforcing or implementing the statute, rule, regulation, or order issued pursuant thereto, if the information disclosed is relevant to any enforcement, regulatory, investigative, or prosecutorial

responsibility of the receiving entity and indicates a violation or potential violation of law;

2. A court, magistrate, grand jury, or administrative tribunal in the course of presenting evidence, including disclosures to opposing counsel or witnesses in the course of civil discovery, litigation, or settlement negotiations in response to a court-ordered subpoena or in connection with criminal, civil, or regulatory proceedings;

3. A Member of Congress or a congressional office in order for that Member or office to respond to communications from the participant who is the subject of the record;

4. The Department of Justice for the purpose of further investigation and prosecution;

5. The current or former employing agency of the participant for the purpose of further investigation and administrative action;

6. Informants, complainants, or victims to the extent necessary to provide those persons with information and explanations concerning the progress or results of the investigation; and

7. A Federal, foreign, state, or local agency or a person or entity if necessary to obtain information relevant to the investigation of the allegations or prosecution of the case.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

These records are maintained in file folders in office file cabinets and on electronic media or computer in the system location.

RETRIEVABILITY:

These records are indexed by the names and Social Security numbers of Thrift Savings Plan participants.

SAFEGUARDS:

Access to and use of these records is restricted to those persons whose official duties require such access.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records in this system are destroyed seven years after the case is closed.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Director, Office of Benefits and Program Analysis, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, 1250 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

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CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

See "Record Access Procedures" above.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Records in this system may be provided by or obtained from the following: Persons to whom the information relates when practicable, including Thrift Savings Plan participants, complainants, informants, witnesses, investigators, and persons reviewing the allegations; Federal, state and local agencies; and investigative reports and records.

SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2) of the Privacy Act and the Board's regulation at 5 CFR 1630.10, certain portions of records under this system may be exempted from the provisions of the Privacy Act when: (1) Such portions represent investigatory materials compiled for law enforcement purposes or (2) such portions would reveal the identity of a source who furnished information to the Government under a promise of confidentiality which information resulted in the denial of a right, privilege, or benefit to a participant.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services announces the following advisory committee meeting.

Name: National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), Subcommittee on Population-Specific Issues.

Times and Dates: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., September 29, 1997; 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., September 30, 1997.

Place: Room 303-339A, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington D.C. 20201.

Status: Open.

Purpose: The Subcommittee plans to continue its exploration of data issues associated with Medicaid managed care. On September 29, presentations are scheduled from selected governmental agencies and private researchers on Medicaid managed care. On September 30, the Subcommittee will refine its work plan, identify tasks and resources, and establish time frames to complete its work.

Contact Person for More Information: Substantive program information as well as summaries of the meeting and a roster of committee members may be obtained from James Scanlon, NCVHS Executive Staff Director, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, DHHS, Room 440-D, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201, telephone (202) 690-7100, or Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, NCHS, CDC, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone 301/436-7050. Additional information about the full Committee and the tentative agenda for the Subcommittee meeting is available on the NCVHS website: <http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/ncvhs>

Dated: September 12, 1997.

James Scanlon,

Director, Division of Data Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Findings of Scientific Misconduct

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) has made a final finding of scientific misconduct in the following case:

Christopher Leonhard, Dartmouth College: Based upon an investigation conducted by Dartmouth College, information obtained by the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) during its oversight review, and Mr. Leonhard's own admission, ORI found that Mr. Leonhard, a former graduate student in the Department of Psychology, Dartmouth College, engaged in scientific misconduct arising out of certain biomedical research supported by two grants from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), National Institutes of Health (NIH).