

an existing system of records titled "Investigation Case Files" (GSA/ADM-24), last published on July 25, 1996 (61 FR 38752). The system of records, maintained by GSA's Office of Inspector General (OIG), is being revised to comply with requirements established by the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-296, Nov. 25, 2002). The major change to the system is the addition of a new routine use to allow the disclosure of information to authorized officials within the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE), who are charged with the responsibility for conducting qualitative assessment reviews of investigative operations for the purpose of reporting to the President and Congress on the activities of the OIG. A minor change consisting of substituting a sequential numbering system for the current alphabetical system under routine uses in the Privacy Act notice also will be made for easier reference.

DATES: Any interested persons may submit written comments on this proposal. It will become effective without further notice on May 7, 2003 unless comments received on or before that date result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to the Office of Counsel to the Inspector General (JC), Office of Inspector General, General Services Administration, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: GSA Privacy Act Officer, General Services Administration, Office of the Chief People Officer, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405; telephone (202) 501-1452.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This publication is in accordance with the Privacy Act requirement that agencies publish their amended systems of records in the **Federal Register** when there is a revision, change, or addition. GSA's Office of Inspector General (OIG) has reviewed its systems of records notices and has determined that its record system, Investigation Case Files (GSA/ADM-24), must be revised to add a routine use in order to comply with the Homeland Security Act of 2002. Specifically, section 812, subsection (7) of that Act reads as follows: "To ensure the proper exercise of the law enforcement powers authorized by this subsection, the Offices of Inspector General described under paragraph (3) shall, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this subsection, collectively enter into a memorandum of understanding to establish an external review process for ensuring

that adequate internal safeguards and management procedures continue to exist within each Office and within any Office that later receives an authorization under paragraph (2). The review process shall be established in consultation with the Attorney General, who shall be provided with a copy of the memorandum of understanding that establishes the review process. Under the review process, the exercise of the law enforcement powers by each Office of Inspector General shall be reviewed periodically by another Office of Inspector General or by a committee of Inspectors General. The results of each review shall be communicated in writing to the applicable Inspector General and to the Attorney General." The additional routine use would allow the disclosure of information to authorized officials within the PCIE, the Department of Justice, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as necessary, for the purpose of conducting qualitative assessment reviews of the OIG's investigative operations to ensure that adequate internal safeguards and management procedures are maintained.

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GSA/ADM-24

SYSTEM NAME:

Investigation Case Files.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Some of the material contained in the system has been classified in the interests of national security pursuant to Executive Order 11652.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

This system is located in the GSA Office of Inspector General, 1800 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20405. The database for the system, known as the Investigations Information System (IIS), is on a local area network in the GS Building and is operated by the System Development and Support Division of the Office of Inspector General (JPM).

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals covered by the system are employees, former employees, and applicants for employment with GSA, as well as commissions, committees and small agencies serviced by GSA. The system also includes historical researchers, employees of contractors performing custodial or guard services in buildings under GSA control, any person who was the source of a complaint or an allegation that a crime had taken place, a witness who has

information or evidence on any side of an investigation, and any possible or actual suspect in a criminal, administrative, or civil action.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Investigative files containing personal information, including name, date and place of birth, experience, and investigative material.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

5 U.S.C. App. 3., section 2 *et seq.*

PURPOSE(S):

The system serves as a basis for taking civil, criminal, and administrative actions, including the issuance of subpoenas, security clearances, suitability determinations, and similar authorized activities.

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

Records are used by GSA officials and representatives of other government agencies on a need-to-know basis in the performance of their official duties under the authorities set forth above and for the following routine uses:

1. A record of any case in which there is an indication of a violation of law, whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature, may be disseminated to the appropriate Federal, State, local, or foreign agency charged with the responsibility for investigating or prosecuting such a violation or charged with enforcing or implementing the law.

2. A record may be disclosed to a Federal, State, local, or foreign agency or to an individual organization in the course of investigating a potential or actual violation of any law, whether civil, criminal, or regulatory in nature, or during the course of a trial or hearing or the preparing for a trial or hearing for such a violation, if there is reason to believe that such agency, individual, or organization possesses information relating to the investigation, and disclosing the information is reasonably necessary to elicit such information or to obtain the cooperation of a witness or an informant.

3. A record relating to a case or matter may be disclosed in an appropriate Federal, State, local, or foreign court or grand jury proceeding in accordance with established constitutional, substantive, or procedural law or practice, even when the agency is not a party to the litigation.

4. A record relating to a case or matter may be disclosed to an actual or potential party or to his or her attorney for the purpose of negotiation or discussion on matters such as settlement of the case or matter, plea-