maintain accurate records. In a joint effort, State and Federal agencies are working together to create, in each State, a statewide childhood immunization registry which contains, for each individual, not the details of the immunization history, but the location of the immunization information system that contains the history.

In such a system, immunization details would be maintained locally by providers themselves in their own data systems. Subject to applicable privacy safeguards and requirements, including the consent of parents or guardians when legally required, a statewide record system would provide a means for exchanging immunization information between providers when (and only when) necessary, transferring immunization histories when individuals move from one State to another, and assessing the immunization status of the State and nation. Using the SSN as the primary identifying record number would facilitate the process and lower the cost of creating and operating a national network of coordinated statewide immunization registries. To ensure that the registries contain a complete census of preschool children for the purposes described in the routine use proposal, SSA will, on a one time, retroactive basis, provide the participating States' BVSs with the SSNs of children born after December 31, 1990.

SSA discloses information from its systems of records to certain entities that use the information for a purpose that is compatible with the purpose for which SSA collects it. Such disclosures may include providing an individual's correct SSN to an entity which has either no record of the individual's SSN or an incorrect one, or verifying only the fact that an entity has an individual's correct SSN. In the case of State BVSs, SSA would provide the correct SSN or verify correct SSNs under the proposed routine use.

The proposed routine use will read as follows:

To State vital records and statistics agencies, the SSNs of newborn children for administering public health and income maintenance programs, including conducting statistical studies and evaluation projects.

We are not publishing in its entirety the notice of the system of records to which we are adding the new routine use statement. A notice of that system, the Master Files of Social Security Number (SSN) Holders and SSN Applications, HHS/SSA/OSR, 09–60– 0058, was last published in the **Federal Register** at 60 FR 2144, January 6, 1995.

II. Compatibility of Proposed Routine Use

We are proposing the changes discussed above in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a(a)(7), (b)(3), and (e)(11)) and our disclosure regulation (20 CFR 401.310).

As discussed above, the Privacy Act permits us to disclose information about individuals without their consent for a routine use, i.e., for a purpose that is compatible with the purpose for which we collected the information. Consistent with the Privacy Act, under 20 CFR 401.310 we may disclose information under a routine use for administering our programs, for income or health maintenance programs of other agencies, and for epidemiological and similar research. SSA assigns SSNs to children as personal identifiers for efficient administration of the Social Security Act (Act), based in part on section 205(c)(2)(B)(i)(IV) of the Act, which authorizes SSA to take affirmative measures to assure that SSNs are assigned to below school age children at the request of their parents or guardians, and for helping detect and deter the illegal conduct described in section 208(a)(7) of the Act. States have authority under their own laws to create and maintain State registries of births. They have a compelling interest in protecting the integrity of their birth registries and in preventing birth certificate fraud. The internal use by States of SSNs for identification purposes, efficient administration of health and income maintenance programs, and statistical studies is compatible with the purposes for which SSA assigns and maintains SSNs and, thus, meets the criteria for the establishment of a routine use under the Privacy Act and the regulation.

III. Effect of the Proposal on Individual Rights

As discussed above, the proposed new routine use will permit SSA to send the SSNs of newborns to State BVSs in which the births are recorded. The SSN would thus become part of the confidential portion of the birth record and would be available only for State use in health and income maintenance administration and research. It would not appear on the public portion of the record, the birth certificate. Strict protection of the confidentiality of the SSN by the State is required by Federal law. SSA will follow all statutory and regulatory requirements for disclosure. Agreements between SSA and the States will govern access to the SSNs and will incorporate the required statutory and regulatory safeguards. In addition, the

agreements will include a provision that requires States to notify parents that they may request that their child's SSN be removed from the birth record. Thus, we do not anticipate that the proposed disclosure to the States will have any adverse effect on the privacy or other rights of individuals.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Office of Administration

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Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB

AGENCY: Office of Administration, HUD. **ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received on or before April 10, 1995. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kay F. Weaver, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and

Urban Development, 451 7th Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0050. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Weaver.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

The Notice lists the following information: (1) the title of the information collection proposal; (2) the office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the description of the need for the information and its