approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (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; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: March 6, 1998.

Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Advisory Committee for Electronic Tax Administration

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of intent to establish; request for nominations and comments.

SUMMARY: The IRS proposes to establish the advisory committee for electronic tax administration. The purpose of this committee is to provide continued input into the development and implementation of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) strategy for electronic tax administration. The ETAAC will provide an organized public forum for discussion of electronic tax administration issues in support of the overriding goal that paperless filing should be the preferred and most convenient method of filing tax and information returns. ETAAC members will convey the public s perception of IRS electronic tax administration activities, offer constructive observations about current or proposed policies, programs, and procedures, and suggest improvements. This document seeks nominations of individuals to be considered for selection as Committee members. Comments are requested on categories of membership and duties of the committee.

The Assistant Commissioner (Electronic Tax Administration) will assure that the size and organizational representation of the ETAAC obtains balanced membership and includes representatives from various groups including: (1) Tax practitioners and preparers, (2) transmitters of electronic returns, (3) tax software developers, (4) large and small businesses, (5) employers and payroll service providers, (6) individual taxpayers, (7) financial industry (payers, payment options and best practices), (8) system integrators (technology providers), (9) academic (marketing, sales or technical perspectives), (10) trusts and estates, (11) tax exempt organizations, and (12) state and local governments. We are soliciting nominations from professional and public interest groups, IRS officials, the Department of Treasury, and Congress. Members will be limited to serving one two-year term on the ETAAC to ensure that new perspectives and ideas are generated by the members. All travel expenses within government guidelines will be reimbursed. Comments are requested on categories of membership and duties of the committee.

DATES: Written nominations must be received on or before April 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Robin Marusin, T:ETA, Room 7331 IR, 1111 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20224. Application forms can be obtained from Robin Marusin, who can be reached on (202) 622–8184.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robin Marusin, 202–622–8184.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ETAAC will provide continued input into the development and implementation of the IRS s strategy for electronic tax administration. The ETAAC members will convey the public s observations about current or proposed policies, programs, and procedures, and suggest improvements.

This activity is based on the authority to administer the Internal Revenue laws conferred upon the Secretary of the Treasury by section 7802 of the Internal Revenue Code and delegated to the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue.

The ETAAC will research, analyze, consider, and make recommendations on a wide range of electronic tax administrations issues and will provide input into the development and implementation of the strategic plan for electronic tax administration.

Nominations should describe and document the proposed member's qualifications for membership to the Committee. Equal opportunity practices will be followed in all appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership will include, to the extent practicable, individuals, with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Robert E. Barr,

Assistant Commissioner, Electronic Tax Administration.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition; Determinations

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 (43 FR 13359, March 29, 1978), and Delegation Order No. 85–5 of June 27, 1985 (50 FR 27393, July 2, 1985), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibit, ''Honoré Lannuier, Parisian Cabinetmaker in Federal New York'' (See list),[1] imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lender. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the listed exhibit objects at The Metropolitan Museum of Art from on or about March 16, 1998 to June 14, 1998, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register.**

Dated: March 10, 1998.

Les Jin,

General Counsel.

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[1] A copy of this list may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Jacqueline H. Caldwell, Assistant General Counsel, at 202/619–6982, and the address is Room 700, U.S. Information Agency, 301 Fourth Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547–0001.