

focus on the determination of whether or not to proceed with the proposed Mars 2001 and 2003 missions.

A decision on the MSR mission will be deferred until after the completion of the NEPA process associated with the Tier II EIS. NASA plans to focus the Tier II EIS on the purpose and need for the proposed MSR mission, other alternatives (both for launch and sample return to Earth), and the potential environmental impacts associated with the mission, including those related to the return of a Martian soil sample to Earth. Another notice of intent to prepare an EIS and conduct scoping will be issued at the initiation of the NEPA process for the Tier II EIS.

Alternatives to be considered in the Tier I EIS include but are not limited to:

- Alternative launch vehicles
- Alternative mission configurations for the Mars 2001 and 2003 missions
- Alternative launch sites
- Alternative means to maintain a spacecraft, lander, and rover environment which will permit extended operation of equipment and instruments
- Other means to meet the purpose and need
- The “no action” alternative which defines the baseline conditions that would prevail in the absence of the Mars Surveyor Program

The Tier I EIS will consider the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed Mars 2001 and 2003 missions, and to the extent that information is available, the proposed MSR mission. Preliminary thinking on potential environmental impacts indicates that the Tier I EIS should focus on those associated with both the normal launches of the spacecraft and accident situations.

Written public input and comments on environmental impacts and concerns associated with the Mars Surveyor Program are hereby solicited.

**Jeffrey E. Sutton,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Management Systems and Facilities.*

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## NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

### Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress; Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) announces a meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. The committee advises NARA on the full range of programs, policies, and plans for the Center for Legislative Archives in the Office of Records Services.

**DATES:** April 29, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** United States Capitol Building, Room EF-100.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael L. Gillette, Director, Center for Legislative Archives, (202) 501-5350.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Agenda*

L.C. Law Library/National Digital Library

Update—Legislative Information Systems

Report—Project 2000 Proposals—

Marking the 200th Anniversary of the Occupation of the US Capitol

Update—Center for Legislative Archives

Other current issues and new business

The meeting is open to the public.

Dated: March 27, 1998.

**Mary Ann Hadyka,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

### Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Panel Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463 as amended) notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Panel of the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities will be held at 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506, in Room 714, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., on Monday, May 4, 1998.

The purpose of the meeting is to review applications for Certificates of Indemnity submitted to the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities for exhibitions beginning after July 1, 1998.

Because the proposed meeting will consider financial and commercial data and because it is important to keep values of objects, methods of transportation and security measures confidential, pursuant to the authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee Meetings, dated

July 19, 1993, I have determined that the meeting would fall within exemptions (4) and (9) of 5 U.S.C. 552(b) and that it is essential to close the meeting to protect the free exchange of views and to avoid interference with the operations of the Committee.

It is suggested that those desiring more specific information contact the Advisory Committee Management Officer, Nancy E. Weiss, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506, or call 202/606-8322.

**Nancy E. Weiss,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

### Meetings of Humanities Panel

**AGENCY:** The National Endowment for the Humanities.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meetings of the Humanities Panel will be held at the Old Post Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy E. Weiss, Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, DC 20506; telephone (202) 606-8322. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the Endowment's TDD terminal on this matter may be obtained by contacting the Endowment's TDD terminal on (202) 606-8282.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed meetings are for the purpose of panel review, discussion, evaluation and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including discussion of information given in confidence to the agency by the grant applicants. Because the proposed meetings will consider information that is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential and/or information of a personal nature the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, pursuant to authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to