Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than July 25, 2003.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (James Hunter, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. Hume Bancshares Acquisition Corp., St. Louis, Missouri; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Hume Bancshares, Inc., Hume, Missouri, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Hume Bank, Hume, Missouri.


Robert deV. Frierson, Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Notice of Intent To Extend an Information Collection

AGENCY: Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation (Foundation) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects.

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed 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 proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by August 28, 2003, to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Louis H. Blair, Executive Secretary, Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, 712 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20006; telephone 202–395–4831; or send e-mail to lblair@truman.gov. You also may obtain a copy of the data collection instrument and instructions from Mr. Blair.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Truman Scholarship Application.

OMB Approval Number: 3200–0004. Expiration Date of Approval: 08/03.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to extend an information collection for three years.

Proposed Project: The Foundation has been providing scholarships since 1977 in compliance with Public Law 93–642. This data collection instrument is used to collect essential information to enable the Truman Scholarship Finalists Selection Committee to determine whom to invite to interviews. It is used by Regional Review Panels as essential background information on the Finalists whom they interview and ultimately the Truman Scholars they select. A total response rate of 100% was provided by the 635 candidates who applied for Year 2003 Truman Scholarships.

Estimate of Burden: The Foundation estimates that, on average, 50 hours per respondent will be required to complete the application, for a total of 35,000 hours for all respondents.

Respondents: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Responses: 700. Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 35,000 hours.


Louis H. Blair, Executive Secretary.

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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) and the Assistant Secretary for Health have taken final action in the following case:

John W. Rooney, Ph.D., Columbia University: Based on the report of an investigation conducted by Columbia University (CU) (CU Report), an admission by the respondent, and additional analysis performed by ORI in its oversight review, the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) found that John W. Rooney, Ph.D., former postdoctoral research fellow, CU, engaged in scientific misconduct by falsifying research supported by National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), National Institutes of Health (NIH), grant T32 HL007343, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), NIH, grant R01 AI043576, National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), NIH, grant R01 GM029361, and National Cancer Institute (NCI), NIH, grants P01 CA075399 and R01 CA076496.

Specifically, PHS found that Dr. Rooney engaged in scientific misconduct by:

• Falsifying Panels A–C of Figure 1 in the following paper: Rooney, J.W. & Calame, K.L. “TIF1beta functions as a coactivator for C/EBPbeta and is required for induced differentiation in the myelomonocytic cell line U937.”

Genes and Development 15:3023–3038, 2001; the respondent falsely claimed that high levels of expression of the TIF1’ gene were induced by dimethylsulfoxide and a phorbol ester; and

• Falsifying Figure 3 in the original and Figures 6 and 7 in a revised version of a manuscript (Rooney, J.W., Postel, E.H., & Calame, K.L. “The DNA-cleavage function of NM23–H2/Puf is essential for myeloid differentiation and for transcription of myeloid-specific genes,” submitted to Molecular and Cellular Biology). The respondent falsely claimed that wild-type NM23–H2/Puf protein could cleave DNA promoter sequences in all five purported target genes and that the K12Q mutant protein could not cleave any of them. The respondent also falsely claimed in electrophonetic mobility shift assays that two authentic oligonucleotides bound to the NM23–H2/Puf protein when they did not do so.

The Genes and Development paper has been retracted (Genes and Development 16:2170, 2002), and CU has indicated that the Molecular and Cellular Biology manuscript will not be resubmitted until all of Dr. Rooney’s data have been replaced by the work of others.

Dr. Rooney has entered into a Voluntary Exclusion Agreement in which he has voluntarily agreed for a period of three (3) years, beginning on May 16, 2003:

(1) To exclude himself from any contracting or subcontracting with any agency of the United States Government and from eligibility for, or involvement in, nonprocurement transactions of the United States Government as defined in 45 CFR Part 76; and

(2) To exclude himself from serving in any advisory capacity to PHS including...
In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS–D24, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project: Descriptive Epidemiology of Missed or Delayed Diagnoses for Conditions Detected by Newborn Screening—New—National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Every state in the United States and Washington, DC, has a public health program to test newborn babies for congenital metabolic and other disorders through laboratory testing of dried blood spots. These programs screen for between 4 and 30 different conditions including phenylketonuria (PKU) and congenital hypothyroidism, with testing performed in both state laboratories and private laboratories contracted by state health departments. The screening process or system is broader than the state public health newborn screening program, which is composed only of the laboratory and follow-up personnel. It involves the collection of blood from a newborn, analysis of the sample in a screening laboratory, follow-up of abnormal results, confirmatory testing and diagnostic work-up. Parents, hospitals, medical providers including primary care providers and specialists, state laboratory and follow-up personnel, advocates, as well as other partners such as local health departments, police, child protection workers, and courts play important roles in this process. Most children born with metabolic disease are identified in a timely manner and within the parameters defined by the newborn screening system of each state. These children are referred for diagnosis and treatment. However, some cases are not detected at all or the detection comes too late to prevent harm. These “missed cases” often result in severe morbidity such as mental retardation or death.

In this project, we will update and expand a previous epidemiological study of missed cases of two disorders published in 1986. We will assess the number of cases of each disorder missed, the reasons for the miss and legal outcomes, if any. The reasons for the miss will be tabulated according to which step or steps of the screening process it occurred. Data will be collected by asking state public health laboratory directors, newborn screening laboratory managers, follow-up coordinators, specialists at metabolic clinics and parent groups with an interest in newborn screening for information regarding missed cases. An estimated 250 subjects will be requested to complete a short questionnaire that asks for information regarding the details of any missed cases of which they are aware. There is no cost to the respondents.

The survey will highlight procedures and actions taken by states and other participants in newborn screening systems to identify causes of missed cases and to modify policies and procedures to prevent or minimize recurrences. The information gleaned from this study may be used to help craft changes in the screening protocols that will make the process more organized and efficient and less likely to fail an affected child. Further, it is not clear that there is a systematic assessment of missed cases on a population basis; this project will seek to identify procedures for routine surveillance of missed cases. There are no costs to respondents.

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