

Request for Record Disposition Authority

(See Instructions on reverse)

To: **National Archives and Records Administration (NIR)**
Washington, DC 20408

1. From: (Agency or establishment)

U.S. Census Bureau

2. Major Subdivision

Population Division

3. Minor Subdivision

Technical Assistance & Capacity Building Branch

4. Name of Person with whom to confer

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Job Number

NI-029-09-1

Date Received

7/14/09

Notification to Agency

In accordance with the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 3303a, the disposition request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10.

Date

11-12-09

Archivist of the United States

Abigail C. Thomas

6. Agency Certification

I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposition of its records and that the records proposed for disposal on the attached _____ page(s) are not now needed for the business of this agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified; and that written concurrence from the General Accounting Office, under the provisions of Title 8 of the GAO Manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies:

is not required is attached has been requested

Signature of Agency Representative

Eric St...

Title

RECORDS OFFICER

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

7/7/2009

7. Item Number	8. Description of Item and Proposed Disposition	9. GRS or Superseded Job Citation	10. Action taken (NARA Use Only)
1	See Attached Page For Schedule		

Minor Subdivision:

Population Division/International Programs Center

Description of Item and Proposed Disposition:

Survey of Compact of Free Association Migrants, 2008

The 2008 Survey of Compact of Free Association (COFA) Migrants was a one-time survey designed to provide an accurate and up-to-date estimate of the number of COFA migrants residing in Hawaii, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), and American Samoa. The Department of the Interior, the agency that reimbursed the Census Bureau to administer this survey, disburses funds to the four areas in proportion to the number of COFA migrants residing in the each area. COFA migrants, also known as qualified nonimmigrants, are migrants, or their children under the age of 18, admitted or resident in one of the four areas, who migrated from the Republic of the Marshall Islands or the Federated States of Micronesia during or after 1986, or from the Republic of Palau during or after 1994.

The 2008 Estimates of COFA Migrants came from:

- Tabulating existing data (Census 2000 and American Community Survey data) to estimate the number of COFA migrants residing in Hawaii, American Samoa, and the area of CNMI outside of Saipan in 2008.
- Conducting the 2008 Survey of Compact of Free Association Migrants to estimate the number of COFA migrants residing in Guam and Saipan, CNMI in 2008.

Authorized Disposition:

Survey Questionnaires

These are paper questionnaires used to record respondent information by enumerators working in the field. Questionnaires exist for each household in the sample areas selected for Guam and Saipan. Enumerators completed questionnaires and then Census Bureau staff recoded one variable on the questionnaire. These questionnaires are master copies, and the data on the questionnaires has not been edited and missing answers have not been imputed. The majority of the data on the questionnaires was keyed into an electronic format in January 2009 for processing.

Disposition: Destroy 5 years after the announcement of survey results (which occurred in February 2009), or when no longer needed for Census operations, whichever is later.