


<b>REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY</b> <i>(See Instructions on reverse)</i>		LEAVE BLANK	
TO <b>GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION</b> <b>NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE, WASHINGTON, DC 20408</b>		JOB NO <b>NI-29-87-4</b>	DATE RECEIVED <b>8-17-87</b>
1 FROM (Agency or establishment) <u>Department of Commerce</u>		NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY	
2 MAJOR SUBDIVISION <u>Bureau of the Census</u>		In accordance with the provisions of 44 USC 3303a the disposal request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10. If no records are proposed for disposal, the signature of the Archivist is not required.	
3 MINOR SUBDIVISION <u>Demographic Surveys Division</u>			
4 NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER  <u>Leonard Thompson</u>	5 TELEPHONE EXT  <u>763-5557</u>	DATE <u>8/25/87</u>	ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES 

6 CERTIFICATE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE

I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposal of the agency's records, that the records proposed for disposal in this Request of 2 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, if required under the provisions of Title 8 of the GAO Manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies, is attached

A GAO concurrence  is attached, or  is unnecessary

B DATE <u>8/13/87</u>	C SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE 	D TITLE <u>Records Management Officer</u>
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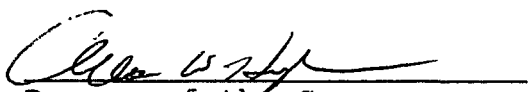
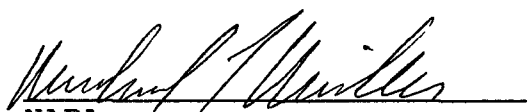
7 ITEM NO	8 DESCRIPTION OF ITEM <i>(With Inclusive Dates or Retention Periods)</i>	9 GRS OR SUPERSEDED JOB CITATION	10 ACTION TAKEN <i>(NARS USE ONLY)</i>
	<p align="center"><b>Methods Development Survey</b></p> <p>The Methods Development Survey (MDS) is a research project designed to test alternative data collection methodologies and concepts for use in the Current Population Survey (CPS) in order to improve the quality and reliability of the CPS data. In addition the MDS provides a vehicle for testing and evaluating recommendations, as appropriate from the National Commission on Employment and Unemployment Statistics (NCEUS). Although this project addresses issues which have generally applicability to many demographic surveys, its primary focus is on conceptual and methodical issues relating to labor force and other socio-economic data collected in the CPS.</p> <p>The survey was initiated in 1978 as the Methods Test Panel (MTP). Research from May 1978 through November 1979 focused on the effects of alternative data collection techniques. During 1980 thru 1984, the focus was on questionnaire modifications and additions recommended for the CPS by the NCEUS. In mid FY 83 and continuing through FY 84 the MDS interviewing was conducted by random digit dialing rather than personal interviews. This was the first time a panel survey using random digit dialing had been conducted.</p>		

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	<p>In 1985 Phase I of MDS which involves computer assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) from a centralized telephone center. The primary purpose of conducting CPS through CATI was to determine the feasibility of conducting panel surveys from a centralized telephone center. Phase II will measure differences in labor force estimates produced by the regular CPS methodology and the CATI procedures and measure differences in data quality between these two methodologies.</p> <p>Disposition: Destroy when no longer needed.</p> <p>This disposition is approved for records of Phases I and II, plus those of any future phases.</p> <p>This change was approved by</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">               Bureau of the Census         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <u>3/23/88</u>              Date         </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">               NARA         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <u>3/16/88</u>              Date         </div> </div>		