REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY
(See Instructions on reverse)

TO GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION,
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE, WASHINGTON, DC 20408

1. FROM (AGENCY OR ESTABLISHMENT)
   Department of Health, Education, and Welfare

2. MAJOR SUBDIVISION
   Social Security Administration

3. MINOR SUBDIVISION
   Office of Policy

4. NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER
   Ernest P. Lardieri

5. TEL EXT
   594-5770

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.

   [☐] A Request for immediate disposal.
   [☑] B Request for disposal after a specified period of time or request for permanent retention.

7. ITEM NO
   1

8. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM
   (With Inclusive Dates or Retention Periods)
   
   RECORDS RETENTION AND DISPOSAL SCHEDULE
   OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND STATISTICS

   Recipient Characteristics Study

   Records consisting of questionnaires (Forms SRS-NCSS-127E or SSA-4636, Recipient Characteristics Study, or their equivalents), magnetic tapes, tabulations, and publications created from the biannual study of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) recipients. The study is the only statistically valid study of AFDC recipient characteristics. Information collected during this study is used to evaluate the AFDC program and to plan for legislative and policy changes. It consists of demographic and program characteristics of families who receive assistance payments; child support enforcement among AFDC families; financial circumstances of AFDC families; and social services provided to AFDC families. Information is collected via questionnaires from a sampling of AFDC cases and transferred to magnetic tape. Tabulations are produced from the magnetic tapes for study purposes and to be used as charts for publications. The results of the study are published in a series of publications entitled 19XX Recipient Characteristics Study. Other
INSTRUCTIONS

General Instructions:

Use Standard Form 115 (obtainable from supply depots of the Federal Supply Service, General Services Administration) and the continuation sheet Standard Form 115a (obtainable from the Records Disposition Division, Office of Federal Records Centers, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C. 20408) to obtain authority to dispose of records or to request permanent retention of records. Detach the fifth copy from the set and keep as your reference copy. Submit the first four copies of the set to the National Archives and Records Service. One copy will be returned to the agency as notification of items that are authorized for disposal. Items withdrawn or not approved for disposal will be so marked.

Each SF 115 requiring Comptroller General concurrence must be accompanied by a notification of approval from GAO.

Specific Instructions:

Entries 1, 2, and 3 should show what agency has custody of the records that are identified on the form, and should contain the name of the department or independent agency, and its major and minor subdivisions.

Entries 4 and 5 should help identify and locate the person to whom inquiries regarding the records should be directed.

Entry 6 should be signed and dated on the four copies by the agency representative. The number of pages involved in the request should be inserted.

Box A should be checked if the records may be disposed of immediately. Box B should be checked if continuing disposal authority is requested or if permanent retention is requested. Only one box may be checked.

Entry 7 should contain the numbers of the items of records identified on the form in sequence, i.e., 1, 2, 3, 4, etc.

Entry 8 should show what records are proposed for disposal.

Entry 9 should be checked if samples are submitted for an item. However, samples of the records are not required unless they are requested by the NARS appraiser. If an item has been previously submitted, the relevant job and item number should be entered.

Entry 10 should be left blank.

Henry W. Moore
FIO, Office of Research and Statistics

Ernest P. Saridis
SSA Records Officer

Center headings should indicate what office's records are involved if all records described on the form are not those of the same office or if they are records created by another office or agency.

An identification should be provided of the types of records involved if they are other than textual records, for example, if they are photographic records, sound recordings, or cartographic records.

An itemization and accurate identification should be provided of the series of records that are proposed for disposal or retention. Each series should comprise the largest practical grouping of separately organized and logically related materials that can be treated as a single unit for purposes of disposal. Component parts of a series may be listed separately if numbered consecutively as 1a, 1b, etc., under the general series entry.

A statement should be provided showing when disposal is to be made of the records, thus:

If immediate disposal is requested of past accumulations of records, the inclusive dates during which the records were produced should be stated.

If continuing disposal is requested for records that have accumulated or will continue to accumulate, the retention period may be expressed in terms of years, months, etc., or in terms of future actions or events. A future action or event that is to determine the retention period must be objective and definite. If disposal of the records is contingent upon their being microfilmed, or otherwise reproduced or recorded on machine readable media, the retention period should read: "Until ascertained that reproduced copies or recordings have been made in accordance with GSA regulations and are adequate substitutes for the paper records." Also, the provisions of FPMR §101-11.5 should be observed.

Entry 9 should be checked if samples are submitted for an item. However, samples of the records are not required unless they are requested by the NARS appraiser. If an item has been previously submitted, the relevant job and item number should be entered.

Entry 10 should be left blank.
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<th>ACTION TAKEN</th>
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Publications from the study include Aid to Families with Dependent Children, a Chartbook, and study abstracts.

- **a. Questionnaires**
  
  Destroy questionnaires after information has been entered into machine-readable media (magnetic tapes).

- **b. Magnetic Tapes**
  
  Permanent. Offer copy of the tapes to the National Archives for 2 years after the period in which the survey was conducted (one to two tapes are produced per study). Erase other copy when administrative value ceases.

- **c. Tabulations**
  
  Destroy after study results have been published or when administrative value ceases, whichever is earlier.

- **d. Publications and Abstracts**

  1. **Record Copy**
      
      Permanent. Offer to the National Archives 10 years after publication date. Publications accumulate at less than 1 cubic foot per study.

  2. **Other Copies**
      
      Destroy when administrative value ceases.