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<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	NI-121-88-1
1 FROM <i>(Agency or establishment)</i> Public Buildings Service		DATE RECEIVED	<del>6-3-88</del> 8-15-88
2 MAJOR SUBDIVISION Boston Regional Office		NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY	
3 MINOR SUBDIVISION		In accordance with the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 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disposal request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10.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.	
4 NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER	5 TELEPHONE EXT	DATE	ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES
Marvin H. Kabakoff	8-839-7110	8/24/88	<i>[Signature]</i>
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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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	C SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE	D TITLE
8/1/88	<i>[Signature]</i>	Chief, Information Collection Br.

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	9 GRS OR SUPERSEDED JOB CITATION	10 ACTION TAKEN 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>
1.	<p>This appraisal report covers unscheduled records retired to the Boston Federal Records Center by the Public Buildings Service.</p> <p><u>PBS Construction Planning Records, ca. 1957-78, 6 cu.ft.</u></p> <p>Records created by the Operational Planning Staff of the Public Buildings Service relating to planning for the construction of facilities for Federal offices throughout New England. Identified as "Environmental Files", the series consists of correspondence relating to projects and programs; maps, many of which are annotated; photographs of project sites, including Scollay Square; project proposals and plans, including drawings and blueprints; reports; surveys of the local communities, providing data on population, parking and traffic, water and power supplies, and other</p>		

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	<p>issues relating to the sites; environmental impact statements; surveys of federal agency space requirements; cost studies; monographs on local communities; copies of relevant local legislation; newspaper clippings; and routine office administrative records.</p> <p>Approximately 1.5 cu. ft. of material relates to Federal projects in Boston; the bulk of these records document the Federal role in urban renewal projects, especially in Boston's Government Center, and the planning, in the mid-1960's, for the John F. Kennedy Federal Office Building in Government Center. Included are photographs; correspondence with redevelopment authorities; data on urban renewal and the controversy over the destruction of architecturally significant buildings and relocation of businesses; and information on land use for that part of Boston and the Faneuil Hall area. I.M. Pei prepared the land use plan, and Walter Gropius (of Bauhaus fame) was also involved with the architectural plans for Government Center. Later records, from the mid-1970's, document planning for another new Federal Office Building in Boston, and include space and cost studies, environmental impact statements, and data on redevelopment in downtown Boston; these records reflect the early stages of work on what was presumably to become the Tip O'Neill Federal Building. The series also contains reports and proposals on other redevelopment plans for various areas of Boston, such as South Station, Faneuil Hall and the waterfront, the Prudential Center, the Public Health Service Hospital, and the Waltham Federal Center (location of the Boston FRC). Another 1.5 cu. ft. of material consist of a Project Development Report from 1974-78, on a new Federal Building in Providence; these records are similar in their variety and content to those listed above, and provide a great deal of information on Providence. An additional 1.5 cu. ft. of records pertain to various smaller projects all over New England, generally post offices, border stations, Social Security offices, and the like. These records include maps, budget data, reports, and related materials, and provide much data on urban renewal in towns and cities throughout New England.</p>		

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Associated with these records are 6 inches of community monographs, produced by state development offices. These are arranged by state, and thereunder alphabetically. Relatively complete sets exist for Connecticut and Vermont, and there are several monographs for Massachusetts. All the monographs provide data on the history, population, and economic and industrial development of each community.

Finally, the series contains some routine office administrative records. The largest block of these consists of transportation questionnaires sent to Federal employees in Boston to assist in planning for new Federal office buildings. There are also Financial Extension Documents reflecting routine budget expenditures, generally from the imprest fund. The records include space utilization worksheets and duplicates of some more valuable items.

With the exception of the routine administrative records, the series provides significant documentation of both PBS' operations in New England, and of the Federal role in urban renewal projects, and would prove a valuable resource for research in urban history.

a. All records except routine office administrative records (described above) and duplicate material.

Permanent. Transfer to NARA immediately upon approval of this schedule.

b. Transportation questionnaires, financial extension documents, duplicate material, and other routine office administrative records.

Destroy immediately upon approval of this schedule.

(Acc. 121-81-0001, A67704-07,  
121-81-0004, A93949-50)

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2.	<p><u>Title Documents, Site Acquisition Files, and Project Reports, ca. 1950-65, 25 cu.ft.</u></p> <p>This series consists of two accessions of records from the Space Management Division of PBS, and contains both scheduled and unscheduled material. The bulk of the records is comprised of site acquisition files, title documents, and court records associated with each site to be used for the construction or expansion of Federal buildings. These records can be scheduled under the recently revised disposal authority for title documents (1820.2/40A60). These files comprise the whole of accession 121-68-0230 (19 ft.) and approximately half of accession 121-64-0434 (3 ft.). The latter accession contains the only unscheduled items here, project investigation reports on Hartford and Burlington, consisting of socio-economic and commercial studies, data and publications on urban renewal, correspondence with city officials, data on architects, annotated maps, and photographs. These records are similar to those described in item 1 of this schedule, and are of similar archival value. The remaining records consist of leasing surveys, space utilization studies, excess property declarations, correspondence on space assignments, reports on Federal real property holdings, and other site management records. These records will be disposed of under existing authorities in the records control schedule.</p> <p>Project investigation reports on Hartford and Burlington.</p> <p><u>Permanent.</u> Transfer to NARA immediately upon approval of this schedule.</p> <p>(Acc. 121-64-0434, A91419-24) 121-68-0230, A82162-80)</p>		