SUPPORTING STATEMENT

A. Justification.

- 1. The Gambling Devices Act of 1962 (15 U.S.C. 1171-1178) ("the Act") and the Code of Federal Regulations (28 C.F.R. 3.1-3.5) require that any entity which participates in the interstate commerce of gambling devices register with the Department of Justice Criminal Division on an annual basis prior to engaging in business. This submission to OMB is seeking approval for an optional form to be used to register entities.
- 2. Local, state, and federal law enforcement use the data collected to ensure compliance with the law and to enforce violations of the law.
- 3. The Criminal Division does not currently collect any of this information via automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection technique. Plans are being made, however, to develop an online registration system that will allow entities to register over the Internet, in which case this form will be available in paper and web-based formats.
- 4. The Criminal Division is not aware of any other federal organizations that collect this information. State gaming commissions collect the same information, if not more, from gambling license applicants; however, federal law mandates that each entity covered by the Act must submit the required information to the Criminal Division.
- 5. This data collection is not believed to have a significant economic impact on small businesses.
- 6. The Act mandates the collection of this data on an annual basis. It is therefore not possible for the Criminal Division to reduce the frequency or to stop the collection of this data.
- 7. There are no special circumstances associated with this data collection.
- 8. The 60-day and 30-day notices have been published in the *Federal Register* and are attached. To date, no responses from the public have been received.

There has been no consultation with persons outside the agency regarding this data collection. Since the Criminal Division reviews all requests for registration for completeness, the form currently being submitted to OMB for approval has been written to make it as simple and as clear as possible.

- 9. The Criminal Division does not provide payments or gifts to respondents.
- 10. The Criminal Division does not provide any assurance of confidentiality to respondents. The Freedom of Information Act Unit, Office of Enforcement Operations, Criminal Division has determined that the data collected is a matter of public record.

- 11. This data collection does not involve any questions of a sensitive nature.
- 12. Approximately 2,400 respondents will register each year. It is estimated that it will take approximately 0.08 hours (five minutes) to complete the request for registration, for a total annual reporting burden of 200 hours. The annualized cost to respondents for this hour burden is minimal, as it only involves filling in the form and mailing or faxing it to the Criminal Division.
- 13. There are no capital or start-up costs associated with this information collection, as no special equipment is required. Operation and maintenance costs are also estimated to be zero, as this data collection merely involves providing basic information about the respondent to the Criminal Division.
- 14. Estimate of annualized cost to the Federal government:

Personnel: \$18,000.00 Collection and processing: \$2,129.00

Total cost to the Federal government: \$20,129.00

It is estimated that staff spends approximately 600 hours per year processing registration requests. The collection and processing figure includes all other costs associated with this information collection, such as printing, mailing, supplies, etc.

- 15. This is a new information collection.
- 16. This data collection may be made available to the public as a searchable database of registrants on the Criminal Division website. There are no "results" from this data collection that will be tabulated and published.
- 17. The expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection will be displayed.
- 18. There are no exceptions to the certification statement identified in Item 19, "Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions," of OMB Form 83-I.

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods

This information collection does not require the employment of statistical methods.