SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM FORM 9 Registrant Claim Form (3240-0006)

1. Any resumption of registrant processing under the provisions of the Military Selective Service Act would make the collection of this information necessary. In accordance with the law, the collection of this information permits each registrant the opportunity to request postponement of his induction or to initiate a claim for reclassification. Concurrently, the receipt of SSS Forms 9, which are used by the registrants to provide information, allows the Selective Service System to adjust the number of registrants to be ordered for induction and to adjudicate these claims in an orderly, equitable manner.

Throughout the history of the Selective Service System, forms similar to the SSS Form 9 have been approved and used whenever classification and induction actions were authorized. This form is so vital that not having adequate stocks on hand at the inception of an emergency would delay the accomplishment of the Selective Service System mission, lower the morale of the registrants, and have a deleterious effect on national security. Therefore, the extension of OMB approval for Selective Service System Form 9, Registrant Claim Form, is requested so that the form may be approved, printed and stocked for use in any contingency which may arise.

There are no immediate plans to put this form to use. Rather, master copies of this form would be strategically stored throughout the country so that Registrant Claim Forms could immediately be available for registrant pick-up in any emergency requiring mobilization. The necessity of having these forms immediately available is underscored by the fact that induction orders will be mailed three days after induction is resumed.

- 2. The Military Selective Service Act provides for postponements, deferments, and exemptions for registrants ordered to report for induction. The Act also provides the registrant an opportunity to have his classification changed for good reason. The SSS Form 9 lists all of the circumstances upon which a registrant may base a claim and provides a convenient vehicle for the registrant to initiate his claims with the Selective Service System. If this collection of information were not conducted, the claims of registrants for postponement of induction or reclassification could not be promptly considered nor could the Selective Service fulfill its mission in a fair, equitable and expeditious manner.
- Consideration of improved technology to reduce burden is not applicable.

- 4. There is no duplication of this information.
- 5. Similar information does not exist.
- 6. This collection of information does not involve small organizations.
- This is a one time action and cannot be conducted less frequently.
- 8. Registrants are required by Selective Service regulations to submit their claims for postponement or reclassification within 10 days from the date they received an Order to Report for Induction. To extend the response time to 30 days would seriously delay the induction of men into the Armed Services and would, in time of military emergencies, imperil the National Security.
- 9. No consultations have been held with persons outside the Agency.
- The confidentiality of this information is assured both by Agency policy and Agency compliance with the provisions of the Privacy Act.
- 11. The information provided on this form is given voluntarily and may be, in some cases, of a sensitive nature. Without this information, however, a registrant's claim for postponement or reclassification could not be resolved.
- 12. Since the form is in a contingency status only, the annualized cost to the Federal Government is considered to be \$1.00 (one dollar).
- 13. The number of respondents, the frequency of response, and the annual burden are all considered to be one since the form is in a contingency status.
- There are no changes in the burden.
- Not applicable.