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FROM: NIH Privacy Act Officer

SUBJECT: Applicability of the Privacy Act: "Interactive Diet and Activity Tracking in AARP
iDATA: Biomarker Based Validation Study (NCI)"

I have reviewed the NCI submission to OMB to compare objectively measured energy expenditure, protein, nutrients, and physical activity with self-reported dietary intake and physical activity. The study will use internet-based self-administered 24-hour recalls and questionnaires, computer-assisted telephone interviews (CATI), and self-administered paper instruments for data collection.

I have determined that the Privacy Act will apply to this data collection which involves the collection of personally identifiable information such as participant contact information, emergency contact information, demographic information, marital status, living arrangements (i.e., alone, with spouse/partner, nursing home), highest level of education completed, and annual household income. The majority of the data will be captured electronically and associated with an IT system to collect, use, store, maintain, disclose and transmit if necessary. Study data will be identified and retrieved by only a study number. Hard-copy records provided by the respondents will be destroyed once the study data has been incorporated into the study datasets. The datasets will be maintained until the completion of the study or until they are no longer required for research purposes.

This data collection is covered by NIH Privacy Act Systems of Record 09-25-0200, "Clinical, Basic, and Population-based Research Studies of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), HHS/NIH/OD."

If you have any questions, please contact my office at (301) 402-6201.

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Attachment: NIH Privacy Act Systems of Record 09-25-0200

cc: Vivian Horovitch-Kelley, PRA/OMB Project Clearance Liaison