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MEMORANDUM FOR

Reviewer of 1220-0157

FROM

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SUBJECT

Amending the questionnaire for Round 20 NLSY97

BLS requests OMB approval to amend two questions in the NLSY97 Round 20 interview in order to reduce burden on survey respondents. Attachment A describes the proposed changes and provides context.

BLS expects these changes to have a minor effect on respondent burden. They will diminish the time of the questionnaire by approximately one minute. So far in Round 20, the questionnaire is running about 75.5 minutes on average; although experience tells us that this average will diminish over the course of the round. We expect the proposed changes to reduce the burden below the 75 minutes approved by OMB.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Keenan Dworak-Fisher by telephone at 202-691-6308 or by email at dworak-fisher.keenan@bls.gov.

Attachment A – Proposed Changes