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INTRODUCTION

Schedule Overview
Secure Flight Program Records

Additional Background Information

The Secure Flight Program was created by TSA, following a directive from Congress within the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act (IRTPA), section 4012(a) which instructs the TSA and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to assume from aircraft operators the pre-flight passenger list and compare it to the consolidated and integrated terrorist watch list maintained by the Federal Government for matches. The TSA uses the Secure Flight Program to fulfill its obligation to this mandate.

Overall Recommendation

I recommend approval of the attached schedule.

APPRAISAL

Item A1: Secure Flight Program - Master File - Government Watch List.

These records are a static copy of records created and maintained by other agencies. TSA does not manipulate or alter these records, the agency only uses them for matching names against passenger data provided by aircraft operators/carriers.

Proposed Disposition: Temporary

Appropriateness of Proposed Disposition: Appropriate

Appraisal Justification:

*Has little or no research value.

Adequacy of Proposed Retention Period: Adequate from the standpoint of legal rights and accountability. This retention period is appropriate because the data in the watch list are copies of records maintained by the originating agency (e.g., the Department of Defense, National Counterterrorism Center, or the Federal Bureau of Investigation).

Media Neutrality: Requested and Approved.