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ACTION MEMO FOR MD/S CONWAY – CA/PPT/MD/S

FROM: CA/PPT/IIC - [redacted]

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SUBJECT: Purchase of California Department of Public Health Death Index

Recommendation

That you approve Consular Affairs request to purchase the State of California death index files and import the files into [redacted]

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Approve [signature] Disapprove _____

Background

The [redacted] index file is available on CD-ROM and contains the following data elements: full name, sex, date of birth, place of birth, place of death, date of death, father's last name, mother's maiden name, and social security number. The [redacted] index file is available for years 1905 to 2008 at a cost of \$10 per year, for an initial cost of \$1,030. Consular Affairs will purchase California death data on a yearly basis to keep [redacted] updated. [redacted] does not offer automatic updates, but will update the application for purchasing files when California releases new files. Consular Affairs has not previously purchased death data from the State of California.

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In obtaining [redacted] data directly from the [redacted], CA will not have to solely rely on the Social Security Administration's death master file, which contains variations in the [redacted]. CA will be able to preserve the integrity of the passport as well as close some of the gaps identified in the [redacted] data provided by the [redacted]. In addition, by adding this [redacted] data to CLASS, CA can ensure the identities of the deceased are not used by fraudsters attempting to obtain a U.S. passport.

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Attachment:

[redacted] - Application to Purchase California's

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Approved: CA/PPT: BConway (ok)

Drafted: CA/PPT/IIC/SP: SParedes, ext. 3-2425, rev. 11/09/2011

Cleared: CA/PPT/MD/I: FFultz (ok)

CA/C: [redacted] (ok)	B7(E)
CA/FPP: [redacted] (ok)	
CA/CST: [redacted], Acting (ok)	
CA/PPT/SA: [redacted] (ok)	
CA/PPT/IIC: [redacted] (ok)	B7(E)
CA/PPT/L: [redacted] (ok)	B7(E)
CA/PPT/TO: [redacted], Acting (ok)	
CA/PPT/SPCA: [redacted] (ok)	
CA/PPT/A: [redacted] (ok)	B7(E)
CA/PPT/IIC/SPDS: [redacted] Acting (ok)	