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Benefits Administration Letter

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SUBJECT Computer Virus on "Handbook for Attorneys" Diskette

We just learned that the disk enclosed with the *Handbook for Attorneys on Court-ordered Retirement, Health Benefits, and Life Insurance* [RI 38-116, Revised January 1995] contains the computer virus **BUPTBOOT**. The virus is on **ALL** disks whether you received a shrink-wrapped copy of the handbook or not; whether you received the handbook from us or directly from GPO. The virus is a boot sector virus and is supposed to be rather innocuous. However, like all computer viruses, it should be taken seriously.

We are working with GPO to replace the infected disks. We'll notify you of the procedures for obtaining replacement disks.

Actions to Take

1. We recommend that you discard all the disks you received with copies of the handbook.
2. You should check any computers that might have come into contact with the disk for viruses. The McAfee virus software **does NOT detect the virus**. A virus scanning program called F-PROT does detect the virus.

Mainstreet

The Handbook for Attorneys and the model language contained on the disk is available in the Benefits Officer forum on *OPM Mainstreet*. The files on *Mainstreet* **DO NOT** contain the virus.

FERS Transfer Model Disk

The FERS Transfer Model disk that was sent to agency benefits officers and is available on *Mainstreet* **DOES NOT** contain the virus.

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