

*Department of Housing and Urban Development*

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing to the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner. Effective October 4, 2000.

Intergovernmental Relations Specialist to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations. Effective October 13, 2000.

*Department of Justice*

Assistant to the Attorney General (Director of Scheduling). Effective October 27, 2000.

*Department of Labor*

Advisor to the Secretary of Labor. Effective October 24, 2000.

Staff Assistant to the Director of Scheduling and Advance. Effective October 27, 2000.

Director of Scheduling and Advance to the Chief of Staff. Effective October 27, 2000.

*Department of State*

Staff Assistant to the Senior Advisor to the Secretary and White House Liaison. Effective October 27, 2000.

*Department of Transportation*

Deputy Assistant Administrator to the Assistant Administrator for Government and Industry Affairs. Effective October 4, 2000.

*Office of National Drug Control Policy*

Staff Assistant (Office Automation) to the Chief of Staff, Office of National Drug Control Policy. Effective October 4, 2000.

Staff Assistant (Office Automation) to the Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy. Effective October 4, 2000.

*Small Business Administration*

Senior Advisor to the Associate Administrator for Veteran's Business Development. Effective October 11, 2000.

Confidential Advisor to the Deputy Administrator and Director of External Affairs. Effective October 16, 2000.

Speechwriter and Special Assistant to the Associate Administrator for Communications and Public Liaison. Effective October 27, 2000.

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954-1958 Comp., p. 218

Office of Personnel Management.

**Janice R. Lachance,**

*Director.*

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**

**Privacy Act of 1974; Computer Matching Program Between the Office of Personnel Management and the Social Security Administration**

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

**ACTION:** Notice of a computer matching program between the OPM and the Social Security Administration (SSA) for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** OPM is publishing notice of its computer matching program with SSA to meet the reporting and publication requirements of Public Law 100-503, the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988. In this match, SSA records are used in redetermining and recomputing certain annuitants' benefits where computations are based, in part, on military service performed after December 1956 under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and for annuitants under the Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS) who have a CSRS component in their FERS annuity computation. The purpose of this match is to identify these beneficiaries.

**DATES:** This matching program will become effective in November 2000, or 40 days after the agreements by the parties participating in the match have been submitted to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), unless either the Congress or OMB objects thereto. Any public comment on this matching program must be submitted on or before January 8, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Any interested party may submit written comments to William J. Washington, Acting Assistant Director for Systems, Finance and Administration, Retirement and Insurance Service, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW., Room 4312, Washington, DC 20415.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marc Flaster, (202) 606-2115.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OPM and SSA have concluded an agreement to conduct a computer matching program between the two agencies. The purpose of the agreement is to establish the conditions under which SSA agrees to the disclosure of Social Security benefit and/or tax information to OPM. OPM, as specified in 5 U.S.C. 8332(j)(1), has an obligation to use post 1956 earnings data in redetermining and recomputing annuities for certain CSRS and FERS annuitants. Section 1106 of the Social

Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306) requires that SSA disclose the needed data to OPM.

Office of Personnel Management.

**Janice R. Lachance,**

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**Report of Computer Matching Agreement Between the Office of Personnel Management and the Social Security Administration**

*A. Participating Agencies*

OPM and SSA

*B. Purpose of the Matching Program*

Chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.), provide the basis for computing annuities under the Civil Service Retirement System and the Federal Employees' Retirement System respectively, and require release of information by SSA in order to administer post 1956 data exchanges. In this match, SSA records are used in redetermining and recomputing certain annuitants' benefits where computations are based, in part, on military service performed after December 1956 under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and for annuitants under the Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS) who have a CSRS component in their FERS annuity calculation. The purpose of this match is to identify these beneficiaries.

*C. Authority for Conducting the Match Program*

Chapters 83 and 84, title 5, United States Code, section 1106 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1306) and the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 6103).

*D. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Match*

SSA will disclose information from its Master Beneficiary Record (MBR) and its Earnings Recording and Self-Employment Income System (MEF) and manually extracted post 1956 military wage information from SSA's "1086" microfilm file when required. SSA has published routine uses for these systems of records, last published for the MBR, 60-0090 (SSA/OSR) on January 6, 1995 at 60 FR 2144 and for the MEF, 60-0059 (SSA/OSR), on December 5, 1994 at 59 FR 62407.

OPM's records consist of annuity data from its system of records entitled OPM/Central-1, Civil Service Retirement and Insurance Records, last published in the **Federal Register** at 64 FR 54930, October 8, 1999, as amended May 3, 2000 (65 FR 25775).

### E. Description of Matching Program

OPM provides a monthly electronic finder file to SSA containing data on those individuals for whom OPM requests post 1956 military service benefit information. These elements will be matched against SSA records. SSA furnishes OPM by electronic reply file benefit information on these individuals, including the amount of the SSA benefit attributable to the post 1956 military service (which constitutes the CSRS or FERS annuity reduction amount).

### F. Privacy Safeguards and Security

The personal privacy of the individuals whose names are included in the tapes is protected by strict adherence to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 and OMB's "Guidance Interpreting the Provisions of Public Law 100-503, the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988". Access to the records used in the data exchange is restricted to only those authorized employees and officials who need it to perform their official duties. Records matched or created will be stored in an area that is physically safe from access by unauthorized personnel during duty hours as well as nonduty hours or when not in use. Records used in this exchange and any records created by this exchange will be processed under the immediate supervision and control of authorized personnel in a manner which will protect the confidentiality of the records.

Both OPM and SSA have the right to make onsite inspections or make other provisions to ensure that adequate safeguards are being maintained by the other agency.

### F. Inclusive Dates of the Matching Program

This computer matching program is subject to review by the Congress and OMB. OPM's report to these parties must be received at least 40 days prior to the initiation of any matching activity. If no objections are raised by either Congress or OMB, and the mandatory 30 day public notice period for comment for this **Federal Register** notice expires, with no significant receipt of adverse public comments resulting in a contrary determination, then this computer matching program becomes effective. By agreement between OPM and SSA, the matching program will be in effect and continue for 18 months with an option to renew

for 12 additional months under the terms set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(2)(D).

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Advantus Series Fund, Inc., et al.

November 30, 2000.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission").

**ACTION:** Notice of application for an order under Section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), for exemptions from the provisions of Sections 9(a), 13(a), 15(a), and 15(b) of the 1940 Act and Rules 6e-2(b)(15) and 6e-3(T)(b)(15) thereunder.

**APPLICANTS:** Advantus Series Fund, Inc. ("Advantus Fund"), an open-end, management investment company, and Advantus Capital Management, Inc. ("Advantus Capital"), the investment adviser of Advantus Fund.

**SUMMARY OF APPLICATION:** Applicants seek an order granting exemptions from the provisions of Sections 9(a), 13(a), 15(a), and 15(b) of the 1940 Act, and Rules 6e-2(b)(15) and 6e-3(T)(b)(15) thereunder, to the extent necessary to permit shares of any current or future series of the Advantus Fund and of any future open-end investment companies for which Advantus Capital or any affiliated person of Advantus Capital serves as investment adviser, manager, principal underwriter, or sponsor (collectively, "the Future Funds," collectively with Advantus Fund, the "Funds" or individually a "Fund") to be sold to and held by (a) separate accounts funding variable annuity and variable life insurance contracts issued by both affiliated and unaffiliated life insurance companies (the separate accounts, hereinafter "Separate Accounts," and the life insurance companies, hereinafter "Participating Life Insurance Companies"), and (b) qualified plans outside of the separate account context (including, without limitation, those trusts, plans, accounts, contracts or annuities described in Sections 401(a), 403(a), 403(b), 408(a), 408(b), 414(d), 457(b), 408(k), or 501(c)(18) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code")), and any other trust, plan, account, contract or annuity that is determined to be within the scope of Treasury Regulation 1.817.5(f)(3)(iii) ("Qualified Plans" or "Plans"). Applicants request that the

exemptive relief being requested apply to any series of shares of the Funds that may be created in the future. The only registered open-end management investment company that currently intends to rely on the requested order is Advantus Fund.

**Filing Date:** The application was filed on July 31, 2000, and amended and restated on November 15, 2000 and November 28, 2000.

**Hearing or Notification of Hearing:** An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Secretary of the Commission and serving Applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests must be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on December 26, 2000, and should be accompanied by proof of service on Applicants in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the requester's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

**ADDRESSES:** Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Applicants, Minnesota Life Insurance Company, c/o Donald F. Gruber, Esq., Assistant General Counsel, 400 Robert Street North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2098.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ann L. Vlcek, Senior Counsel, or Lorna J. MacLeod, Branch Chief, Office of Insurance Products, Division of Investment Management at (202) 942-0670.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following is a summary of the application. The complete application is available for a fee from the SEC's Public Reference Branch, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0102 (202-942-8090).

### Applicants' Representations

1. Advantus Fund is a no-load, open-end, management investment company registered under the 1940 Act. Advantus Fund is organized as a Minnesota corporation established under Minnesota law on February 21, 1985. Prior to a change in Advantus Fund's name in 1997, Advantus Fund was known as the MIMLIC Series Fund, Inc.

2. Advantus Fund is a series company, consisting of nineteen separate portfolios, each with its own investment objectives (each a "Portfolio"). Each Portfolio issues a