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REPORT 01-15(H)

MEMORANDUM FOR The Federal Co-Chairman
ARC General Counsel

SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM REPORT--Followup on Employment
Verification Forms

Objective

To determine the status of J-1 physicians whose waiver requests were forwarded to the Department of State (DOS) as of September 1, 2000, and for which Employment Verification Forms were not available at ARC as of December 5, 2000.

Scope and Methodology

Thirty-two cases were identified from ARC listings where recommendations for J-1 Visa Waivers had been submitted to the DOS prior to September 1, 2000 and for which no Employment Verification Forms were available at ARC. Prospective employers were contacted to determine the status of the J-1 physician and, where applicable, obtain Employment Verification Forms.

Results

As of February 2, 2001, written responses were received in 28 cases. In 26 cases, the physicians had started employment and Employment Verification Forms were received. Except for minor address changes, the information on the Employment Verification Form indicated that the physicians were practicing at the locations noted on the J-1 Visa Waiver requests.

In one case, the J-1 physician had transferred from a Birmingham, Alabama location to Bessemer, Alabama; and a Transfer Notification was provided to ARC dated December 15, 2000.


In 2 cases, the employers responded that the physicians had not started employment because the necessary approvals had not been received from the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). For these cases, ARC had

submitted recommendations to DOS June 21, 2000, and August 1, 2000, respectively.

For the 3 remaining cases, telephone contacts were initiated with the employers in 2 cases and the physician in one case. In 2 cases, the physicians had just received final approvals from INS; and start of employment was expected shortly. The Employment Verification Form will be forwarded when employment begins. For the third case, the physician said that ARC forwarded material to DOS in March 2000; and DOS forwarded material to INS in June 2000. Although he had heard on January 8, 2001, that the H-1b was approved, he was awaiting the written certification. However, his latest contact with INS indicated INS could not locate his file; and the physician was concerned he would have to start the process again. He was in touch with INS, and they were researching the case.

Information about the status of the J-1 physicians was forwarded to the ARC J-1 Program Manager.

No formal recommendations were considered necessary, but consideration could be given to followup contact with employers if Employment Verification Forms are not received within 6 months of ARC recommendations to DOS. Similarly, contact with DOS and/or INS to determine the status of delayed submissions could encourage action by these agencies.


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Inspector General



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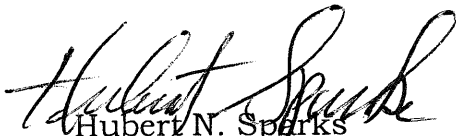
MEMORANDUM FOR MS. DEANN REED, J-1 PROGRAM MANAGER

SUBJECT: Information in Connection with Report 01-15(H)

Attached are Employment Verification Forms for 26 cases and a Transfer Notification Form in one case.

In 5 cases, the J-1 physicians had not started work yet. In 4 cases (Drs. Bulas, Goel, Oculam, and Rahim), final approvals were received or were expected shortly; and Employment Verification Forms will be submitted when employment starts. In one case (Dr. I. Khalid), the physician said he heard INS approvals were made as of January 8, 2001; but his contact with INS disclosed that INS could not locate his file. He said INS is researching his case and requested any assistance ARC could provide.

For the 26 Employment Verification Forms, the practice location is noted as the same town identified in the application documents although, as noted on the spreadsheet, there are some address changes. This is rather common, particularly when a startup practice is involved and employers do not finalize space arrangements until the physician is available for work.


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Attachment

J-1 Physician Medical Practice Location Comparison

Last Name	First Name	Middle	Street	City	State	Zip	If Different
Akhtar	Kamran		935 Elizaville Rd	Flemingsburg	KY	41041	940 Elizaville Rd
Andronic	Maura		187 West Main St, Ste 200	St Clairsville	OH	43950	same
Arcenas	Jesus	M.	112 North Wood St	Phillippi	WV	26416	112 North Woods St
Boran	Mikaha		3001 Scenic Hwy	Gadsden	AL	35904	same
Burkle	Jaimie		2925 Old Hwy 5	Blue Ridge	GA	30513	same
Ehtesham	Uzma		98 River Rd	Pikeville	KY	41501	same
Erdelyi (99)	Bob-Paul		154 South Main St	Woodsville	OH	43793	same
Geete	Jayant	R.	1330 South Mayo Trail, Ste 101	Pikeville	KY	41501	222 Mayo Trail
Hajjar	Fuad		17862 SR 247	Seaman	OH	45679	same
Joshi	Ashu	Tosh	3924 West Highway 30	Annville	KY	40402	same
Kanayorn-Na-Ayuthaya	Esther	Grace	1092 West Jefferson St	Greenfield	OH	45123	434 North 7th St
Langschwager (99)	Hans	Albecht	405 Belcher St	Centreville	AL	35042	same
Nawaz (99)	Mudassir		Richwood Area Com Hosp--Riverside	Richwood	WV	26261	Avenue B
Nunez (99)	Roger		110 Beal Ave	Louisville	MS	39339	same
Poonkay (99)	Mehdi		408 Sycamore St	Williamsburg	KY	40769	408 East Sycamore St
Rahim	Ifrah	Ur	2850 Dr John Haynes Dr	Pell City	AL	35125	2850 Hospital Drive
Ravikanth	Anupama		7914 Hwy 92, Ste 130	Woodstock	GA	30189	same
Russell (99)	Kimberly		197 Silver St, Ste 4	Sharon	PA	16146	same
Salim	Alli		3086 SR 160 (Main Ofc) + 2 others*	Gallipolis	OH	45631	* 200 Main St + 112 East Memorial Dr
Salvador (99)	Saul	Arturo	645 Kanawha Ave	Rainelle	WV	25962	same
Slavcheva	Evgenia		Hwy 280	Kellyton	AL	35010	200 US Hwy 280
Spetie (99)	Lacramioara		417 Second Ave	Gallipolis	OH	45631	417 2nd Ave + 122 North 2nd Ave, Middleport
Wardah (99)	Ahmad	F.	2 East Sunbury St	Shamokin	PA	17822	same
Wendler	Shella		153 Springhaven Dr	Princeton	WV	24740	12th St and 153 Springhaven Dr (sounds like ai

Followup Contacts Initiated

Last Name	First Name	Middle	Sponsor	Telephone No.	Comments
Bulos	Honorio		Ms. Jodi Beauregard	(706) 276-4741	Approvals just received; will start shortly.
Coplin	Rafael		Mr. Mark A. Causey	Transfer Notification Form	Problem with INS location of physician's file.
Khalid	Ifrah		Mr. David Bewins	(606) 666-6000	Approvals just received; will start shortly.
Oculiam	Aleona		Mr. Golvin Chadwell	(606) 242-3100	Approvals just received; will start shortly.
Toth (99)	Lajos		Mr. Bruce Whyte	(706) 374-6806	Employer said VF submitted; will fax another VF