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THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION

WASHINGTON

Last Day: December 31

December 24, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: KEN COLE
SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill S. 3578 - Relief of Anita Tomasi

Attached for your consideration is S. 3578, sponsored by Senator Aiken, which grants immediate relative status to an alien adoptive child of a U.S. Citizen.

OMB recommends approval and provides additional background information in its enrolled bill report (Tab A).

Max Friedersdorf and Phil Areeda both recommend approval.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign S. 3578 (Tab B).



APPROVED
DEC 27 1974

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

DEC 20 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bill S. 3578 - Relief of Anita Tomasi
Sponsor - Sen. Aiken (R) Vermont

Last Day for Action

December 31, 1974 - Tuesday

Purpose

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Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget

Approval

Immigration and Naturalization Service
Department of State

Approval
No objection

Discussion

Beneficiary is a four year old native and citizen of Ecuador. She was adopted by proxy by a U.S. citizen and is now living with a friend of her adoptive mother in Quito, Ecuador.

The Immigration Act provides that adoptive parents must be a citizen and spouse. The adoptive mother is a single person and could not, therefore, file the appropriate form to give the beneficiary exempt status as an adopted child of U.S. citizens. Without such relief, beneficiary would not be eligible to come to the United States for two or more years. Her adoptive mother would prefer her to make the adjustment to her new family and home at as young an age as possible.



The adoptive mother, Theresa Tomasi, is a 45 year old U.S. citizen born in Barre, Vermont. She is trained in social work and psychology with graduate degrees. She is employed as Director of Social Service at the Medical Center Hospital of Vermont earning approximately \$17,000 a year, she owns her own home valued at \$75,000 with a mortgage of approximately \$3,000 and has insurance on all members of her family.

Her family consists of four adopted children ages 11, 10, 9, and 6.

Alfred H. Rommel

Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosures



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
Washington 25, D.C.

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

DEC 30 1974

AND REFER TO THIS FILE NO.

A20 399 203

TO : OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

SUBJECT: Enrolled Private Bill No. S. 3578; Office of Management
and Budget request dated December 18, 1974.

Beneficiary or Beneficiaries Anita Tomasi

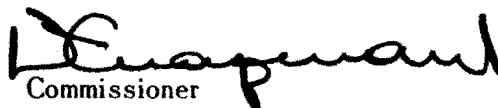
Pursuant to your request for the views of the Department of Justice on the subject bill, a review has been made of the facsimile of the bill, the relating Congressional Committee report or reports, and all pertinent information in the files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

On the basis of this review the Immigration and Naturalization Service, on behalf of the Department of Justice:

Recommends approval of the bill.

Interposes no objection to approval of the bill

Sincerely,


Commissioner





DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

DEC 19 1974

Honorable Roy L. Ash
Director, Office of Management
and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Ash:

Reference is made to Mr. Rommel's communication of December 18, 1974, transmitting for comment enrolled bills S. 3397 "For the relief of Jose Ismarnardo Reyes-Morelos" and S. 3578 "For the relief of Anita Tonasi".

This Department has no objection to the enactment of these bills.

Sincerely yours,

Linwood Helton
Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT
AND BUDGET

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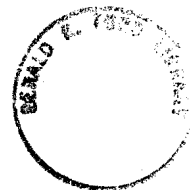
WASHINGTON

December 23, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: WARREN HENDRIKS
FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *M.L.F.*
SUBJECT: Action Memorandum - Log No. 819
Enrolled Bill S. 3578 - Relief of Anita Tomasi

The Office of Legislative Affairs concurs in the attached proposal and has no additional recommendations.

Attachment



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

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To
Harrison H. ...
12-20-74
6:00 p.m.

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.: 819

Date: December 21, 1974

Time: 4:00 p.m.

FOR ACTION:

Geoff Shepard *ok*
Max Friedersdorf *ok*
Phil Areeda *ok*

cc (for information):

Warren Hendriks
Jerry Jones

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Thursday, December 26

Time: 10:00 a.m.

SUBJECT:

Enrolled Bill S. 3578 - Relief of Anita Tomasi

ACTION REQUESTED:

For Necessary Action

For Your Recommendations

Prepare Agenda and Brief

Draft Reply

For Your Comments

Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

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K. R. COLE, JR.
For the President

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OK JLM for G.C.S.



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Warren K. Hendriks
For the President

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*no objection
P. Areeda
12/23*



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Warren K. Hendriks
For the President

ANITA TOMASI

JULY 31, 1974.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. EASTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 3578]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 3578) for the relief of Anita Tomasi, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with an amendment and recommends that the bill, as amended, do pass.

AMENDMENT

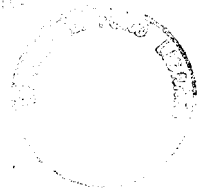
Beginning in line 8, strike the language "and the provisions of section 245 (c) of the Act shall be inapplicable in this case".

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill, as amended, is to facilitate the entry into the United States as an immediate relative of the child adopted by a citizen of the United States. The purpose of the amendment is to delete reference to section 245 (c), since the beneficiary is not in the United States.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a 4-year-old native and citizen of Ecuador who lived in an orphanage until December 17, 1973, when she was adopted by proxy by a citizen of the United States and put in the care of a friend in Quito. The adoptive mother has four other adopted children, two sons, aged 11 and 9, and two daughters, aged 12 and 6. They all reside with her in Williston, Vermont. Information is to the effect that she is financially able to care for the beneficiary.



A letter, with attached memorandum, dated July 17, 1974 to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization with reference to the bill reads as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,
Washington, D.C., July 17, 1974.

HON. JAMES O. EASTLAND,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR: In response to your request for a report relative to the bill (S. 3578) for the relief of Anita Tomasi, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary.

The bill provides that the four-year-old child adopted by proxy may be classified as a child and be granted immediate relative status upon approval of a petition filed in her behalf by Miss Theresa Tomasi, a United States citizen.

It is noted that the bill makes inapplicable section 245(c) of the Act. The beneficiary is not in the United States.

Absent enactment of the bill, the beneficiary, a native of Ecuador, would be chargeable to the numerical limitation for immigrants from the Western Hemisphere.

Sincerely,

_____, Commissioner.

Enclosure.

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE S. 3578

Information concerning the case was obtained from Miss Theresa Tomasi, the adoptive parent of the beneficiary.

The beneficiary, Anita Tomasi, formerly known as Anita Carrasco-Carrasco, a native and citizen of Ecuador, was born February 23, 1970. From birth until December 17, 1973, she lived in an orphanage in Quito, Ecuador. On that date, a proxy adoption was granted to Miss Theresa Tomasi and the beneficiary commenced living with Dr. Alfredo Alvear E. in Quito, Ecuador to await travel to the United States. No information is available concerning the beneficiary's parents nor other members of her family. She is supported by both Dr. Alfredo Alvear E. and Miss Theresa Tomasi.

The beneficiary does not qualify for immediate relative status as a child under 101(b)(1)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act because she is not coming to the United States to be adopted by a United States citizen and spouse. Her adoptive parent is a single person.

Miss Theresa Tomasi, who is a native and citizen of the United States, was born on June 10, 1929. Four adopted children, two sons, ages 11 and 9, and two daughters, ages 12 and 6, natives and citizens of Canada, have been admitted to the United States for permanent residence. The children have

been well accepted in the community and appear normal and healthy. There is no evidence of neglect or lack of parental love by Miss Theresa Tomasi, in fact, the opposite is more than evident. The children are aware of their background and accept the fact that there is no father in the home. Miss Theresa Tomasi relies on her family and innumerable friends to fill the male role in their lives. Miss Tomasi's professional background in social work and psychology gives her knowledge and insights which make her ideally suited for managing, not only the normal problems of raising children, but also the special problems of an unusual adoptive situation. They reside in Williston, Vermont.

Miss Tomasi receives a salary of \$17,000 a year as Director of Social Services of the Medical Center Hospital of Vermont in Burlington, Vermont. Miss Tomasi's assets consist of a homestead located on an eight acre plot of land valued at approximately \$60,000 upon which there is an outstanding mortgage of \$3,000. She has a savings account in the amount of \$7,000 and various assets valued at \$4,000. She carries life and health insurance on all members of the family and finds that her income is ample for the needs of her family.

Senator George D. Aiken, the author of the bill, has submitted the following information in connection with the case:

Date: May, 1974

SEQUENCE OF SOME EVENTS AROUND OVERSEAS ADOPTION OF ANITA TOMASI

(The problem being I am single and therefore prohibited from filling out immigration form giving Anita exempt quota status.)

1. November, 1972, began by asking for Legislative change of immigration law requiring spouse to use immigration form to facilitate overseas adoption. Introduction of H.R. 2851 by Representative Mallory. (See attached correspondence to Representative Richard Mallory.) Bill passed House but is still in Senate.

2. August, 1973, began working with Families for Children for adoption of Equadorian child. Home Study (see attached) and all necessary documents completed, a little four year old girl, Anita Carrasco Carrasco was found, and the adoption was finalized on December 17, 1973. Child now Anita Tomasi.

3. Requested immigration form to give child exempt status on the quota. Was denied because form states applicant must definitely have spouse, which I do not.

4. Have consulted numerous immigration officials in Vermont. They feel the law is firm and must be upheld even though they can find no logical or defensible reason for her not to come to this country now. There will be no question of Anita coming two years hence (back up time on quota) at which time my daughter will be six and her adjustment to this country and her home made much more difficult. There is little question that this will be detrimental to her development.

5. Called Quito, Ecuador and talked to American Consulate there. Asked for Visitor's Permit—Immigration had suggested this as a

possibility and would not object to its use—however, would not put this in writing. Consulate would not grant Visa unless permission for Visa was in writing.

My youngest daughter had immigrated from Canada by first placing her name on quota then coming in temporarily on a Visitor's Visa—then on permanent status when her name came up on the quota. This was done with the consent of the American Consulate in Canada but the Consulate in Ecuador is far more conservative.

Another possibility was a parole—a Visa for special exceptions but no one thus far has felt that this could be used for Anita.

6. Contacted both Senator Aiken's and Congressman Mallory's offices for support on this matter but no action has been forthcoming yet.

Anita, upon completion of her adoption, five months ago, moved to the home of Alfredo Alvear in Quito. Dr. Alvear is the lawyer making the adoptive arrangements (see attached letter). They are becoming mutually fond of each other and it will be very sad for both when it is time to separate—to say nothing of the damaging effects to this little girl who, after having no home, is now in the process of putting down roots in the wrong home.

The present status is that she is to remain with Dr. Alvear who is going to work on the consulate there—although he is not too optimistic. I have offered to go over there, but he feels, at this point, it would be futile.

The current alternatives as I see them are:

1. The Bill H.R. 2851 should be passed through the Senate. (Immigration status should be changed no matter how this problem is resolved.)
2. The Immigration or Consulate could grant Anita a parole or Visitor's Visa.
3. A private bill could be introduced to give Anita special exemption under the law.

I have done everything I can think of except:

1. Go to Quito to talk personally to the Consul. Go to Washington to talk to higher ranked immigration officials (Burlington has talked to Washington via phone with reference to this several times.) Go to Washington to personally talk to Vermont's representatives (have talked to their offices by phone several times).
2. Bring an injunction and subsequent court action against immigration for discriminatory practices.
3. Create public knowledge and sentiment re this problem to gain additional support.
4. Move to Quito.

Numbers 2, 3, and 4 I have been reluctant to do. Other than the above, I need new ideas upon which to act. Otherwise my daughter will probably remain in Quito for two years.

ADOPTIVE MOTHER'S STATEMENT

I was born in Barre, Vt. June 10, 1929. My original family consisted of my parents and two brothers. My father is a dentist, physician and surgeon, who is still in general practice. My mother is a housewife, my elder brother a physician with a Ph. D. in bio-chemistry who is chairman of Immunology at the Mayo Clinic. My younger brother a Ph. D. in education.

I was educated in the Burlington school system and then at the University of Vermont graduating with an M.A. in psychology in 1950. After taking a trip around the U.S., I worked for the Angell Memorial Hospital in Boston, Mass. for two years as a Veterinary Nurse.

In 1952 I returned to Burlington, Vt. and began working for the Dept. of Social Welfare as a case worker, first as a public assistance worker and later as a child welfare worker. After nine years of work I returned to school for my Masters in Social Work at McGill University in Montreal, Canada, graduating in 1963. This is where I became interested in and privileged to adopt four lovely children.

The children are now: Tracy Anne, age eleven; Thomas Andrew, age ten; Timothy Aaron, age nine; Torah Alana, age six. The adoptions were implemented during the time span 1963 to 1970.

After graduate school I returned to Burlington in 1963 to work one year at the Elizabeth Lund Home, a home for unwed mothers. I then went to the Medical Center Hospital of Vermont, where I am currently director of Social Service. This involves administration of a Dept. of Social Service within a 550 bed hospital and 40 bed Nursing Home, consisting of three secretaries, eighteen social workers, and varying social work students. I enjoy my job and earn approximately seventeen thousands dollars annually. We own our own home on approximately eight acres of land, valued at approximately seventy thousand dollars (because of the acreage).

The children and I are of the Catholic Religion. We live on Brownelle Road in Williston, Vermont where I have lived for the past seventeen years.

We have a variety of animals for the children's use and affection, including two ponies, two horses, five sheep, five baby lambs, two goats, one kid, fifteen cats, seven dogs, chickens, guinea pigs, fish, etc. The children enjoy many activities—training their dogs for show and obedience work, riding and training their horses, feeding and caring for their many pets. They belong to the 4-H Club, Girl and Boy Scouts. Tracy, Thomas and Timothy play Little League baseball and they swim both during the summer and winter on swim teams. In the summertime we belong to the Burlington Country Club where the children swim and golf.

We live across the street from a development so the children have many nearby friends and are most always active and occupied. They have many physical conveniences such as tents, camping equipment, bikes, badminton, volley ball, swing sets, jungle Jims, etc.

The children attend Williston School where they are in their appropriate grades and are very active in school activities and enjoy school very much.

They are much loved by their grandparents and have frequent contact with them. I think it is safe to say they mutually enrich each others lives in a very special way. In my opinion they are marvelous children who give a great deal to life, especially mine. I do not even want to imagine what "LIFE" would have been like without them!

We are all anxiously awaiting Anita's arrival, and have been since her adoption five months ago. The children speak of her frequently and we believe we all have a great deal to give as well as receive from another family member.

It seems so senseless to hold up her arrival. She belongs to our family now and it is just a question of the timing of her arrival. However, the question is not a simple one—it is very meaningful and will have much impact on both our new child's future life and our entire family unit.

MISS THERESA TOMASI.

HOME STUDY SUMMARY FOR: THERESA LUCY TOMASI,
WILLISTON, VT.

Mother: Theresa Lucy Tomasi was born June 10, 1929, in Barre, Vermont to parents of Italian descent and Roman Catholic faith. Her father was a local physician and both parents were known to the community as outstandingly fine people.

Theresa graduated from the local schools in Barre and went on to the University of Vermont where she got a Bachelor of Arts degree with her major in Psychology. From there she went to McGill University in Montreal finishing with a Master of Social Work degree. She has worked for the Department of Social Welfare, the Elizabeth Lund Home, and for the past several years in the Social Service Department of the DeGoesbriand Unit of the Vermont Medical Center.

Theresa is five feet, four inches tall, weighs a 120 pounds, has dark brown hair and eyes. She has an immediately warm personality with an obvious joy of living. She has a remarkable sense of humor and a completely commonsense approach to life. Theresa has never been married and has no plans to marry in the immediate future. She recognized long ago her strong desire to be a parent and this was before single parent adoptions were as common as they are nowadays.

Children: All four of Theresa's children have been adopted and have come to her from Canada. They all have some degree of Negro heritage and for this reason were considered difficult to place in adoption.

Tracy, the oldest daughter, was born May 30, 1962. Thomas was born May 24, 1963, Timothy's birthdate is April 2, 1965, and the youngest girl, Tora, was born April 13, 1968.

All of the children have been well accepted in the community and are held in real parental love by Theresa. Miss Tomasi indicates that the older two children are beginning to have some pre-adolescent adjustment problems but nothing that could not be expected from natural children and certainly nothing that she is unable to cope with. The children are all in excellent health and friends who know this Tomasi family extoll the virtues of Theresa as the mother and the children as the adopted children. All the youngsters are well aware of their background and accept the fact that there is no father in this home. Theresa Tomasi counts on her family and her innumerable friends to fill the male role in the lives of these children.

Home: Theresa Tomasi has a small mortgage left on her ranch style home that is located on a large plot of land in the town of Williston. The value of the property is in the area of \$75,000. It is obvious that the housekeeping standards are relaxed but acceptable. Miss Tomasi's efforts when she is in the home very obviously go toward the children and not toward keeping the house spotless or in perfect order. It is a comfortable home and has ample room for an additional child.

Income: Theresa Tomasi is now earning \$16,200 a year as the head of the Social Service Department of the DeGoesbriand Hospital. She carries life and health insurance on all members of the family and finds that her income is ample for the needs of her family including the cost of a babysitter when Miss Tomasi is not there.

Religion: The entire family is involved in the Roman Catholic Church and Miss Tomasi would expect to bring up an additional child as a Catholic.

Health: All members of the family are in good health. Being associated with the Hospital, Miss Tomasi is particularly aware of the needs of children and has access to the best medical care in the state.

Recommendation: It is respectfully recommended that Miss Tomasi be considered for the placement of a child in her home.

Mrs. DOROTHY M. MOSS, *Supervisor.*

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont on Sept. 28, 1973.

BARBARA C. REED, *Notary Public.*

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: Theresa L. Tomasi, M.S.W.; A.C.S.W.

Address: RFD #2, Brownell Road, Williston, Vermont.

Date of birth: June 10, 1929. Place of birth: Barre, Vermont.

Marital status: Single. Four adopted children.

Education: College Preparatory, Burlington High School, 1946, Burlington, Vermont. B.A., University of Vermont, 1950, Burlington, Vermont, Major in Psychology. M.S.W., McGill University School of Social Work, 1963, Montreal, Canada.

Experience: 1950-1952: Angell Memorial Animal Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts. Veterinary nurse. Care and treatment of small animals.

1952-1955: State of Vermont, Public Assistance Worker, Chittenden County. Casework with persons applying for and receiving: Aid to Dependent Children; Aid to the Disabled; Aid to the Blind; and Old Age Assistance. Establishing eligibility of applicants and working out appropriate financial budgets. Also evaluating social situations and offering supportive casework where needed.

1956-1961: State of Vermont, Child Welfare Worker, Chittenden County. Case work with children (infants to 21 years) committed to the State of Vermont. Supervision of these children in their own homes, foster homes, or institutions. Working with families on a preventive service basis. Provided casework services to children, own families and foster families.

From 1959 to 1961: Court worker for Chittenden County. Investigation of petitions for commitment of dependent, neglected, and delinquent children. Submitting an evaluative report with appropriate recommendations to the Chittenden Municipal Court. Case work with and placement of children according to need. Six months of supervisory experience as senior worker in absence of Supervisor. Supervision of six child welfare workers. The nature of the work with the State of Vermont necessitated frequent contacts with numerous agencies throughout the State of Vermont and development of skill in identifying and coordinating community resources.

1961-1962: Work placement for graduate study: Medical setting. Occupational therapy and Rehabilitation Center, Montreal, Canada.

Casework with persons undergoing rehabilitative training—persons suffering from a wide variety of physical handicaps or impediments, including multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, etc. The team approach was employed—working cooperatively with physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, occupational, physical, and speech therapists.

1962–1963: Work placement for graduate study: Psychiatric setting. The Allen Memorial Institute, Montreal, Canada. The treatment of mentally ill patients on both an in-patient and out-patient basis. Casework with both patient and his family. Team approach used having frequent conferences with psychiatrists, psychologists, occupational therapists, and psychiatric nurses.

1963–1965: The Elizabeth Lund Home, Inc. Burlington, Vermont, a residential home for unwed mothers and private adoption agency. Psychiatric Social Worker. Casework with unwed mothers and their families. Worked on an intensive basis with a caseload of approximately 10–15 girls. Evaluation of adoptive parents including home study, placement and subsequent supervision of babies in adoptive homes.

1965–June, 1971: Director of Social Service, DeGoesbriand Memorial Hospital, Burlington, Vermont. Establishment of a Social Service Department at a 200 bed teaching hospital. Setting social work policies and practices and providing social work coverage to all services within the hospital. Also, similar coverage to a 40 bed extended care facility. Expanded staff and developed the Department from 1 to 5 workers, providing their training and supervision. Remained with hospital during merger with Mary Fletcher Hospital, Burlington, Vermont.

June, 1971 to present: Director of Social Service Department Medical Center Hospital of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont. Implementation of social work responsibilities in a 550 bed teaching hospital and 40 bed nursing home. Working with staff comprised of three secretaries, seven case aides, eight caseworkers and 5–6 students. Main areas of involvement are direct service, consultation, referral, teaching, and in-service training. Involvement in all areas of hospital including many specialized programs.

1967–June 1971 (1 day/wk): Hospital Improvement Plan Social Work Consultant at Dannemora State Hospital, Dannemora, New York. Consultant work involved research, group work, and extensive work with both patients and staff to improve communication and relationships within this mental institution which provides care to psychotic criminals of New York State.

1970–1971: Consultant to Health Department, State of Vermont. Medicare Review and accreditation of nursing homes in State of Vermont. Establishment of educational programs for better understanding of social service in the nursing home setting.

Other pertinent professional activities: National Association of Social Workers; Community Council of Greater Burlington; Vermont Conference of Social Concerns; Visiting Nurse Association—Board Member and Chairman, Personnel Committee; Northern Vermont Multiple Sclerosis Society, Patient Service Committee; Utilization Committee, Medical Center Hospital of Vermont; Vermont Cancer Society, Board Member.

DR. ALFREDO ALVEAR E., ATTORNEY AT LAW,
Quito, April 16, 1974.

MISS THERESA TOMASI,
Vermont.

DEAR MISS: I am your lawyer in the process of adoption of Anita. I sent all the documents to Mrs. Simpson for getting the immigration visa for Anita. Now I enclose you her photo. She's very intelligent and understands every thing.

Since the day I got the decree of adoption she's lived in my home. She thinks that it is her permanently home and I am her father, that is the reason I ask you hastes the immigration visa because Anita when takes her trip, she will be sadly. I told her that her mother is awaiting her in Vermont. I considerer that the dealy be due to the inmigration requisites.

She plays with all my children. I have three daughters and one son. The oldest of my daughters is sixteen years old and the other two, who are twins are fifteen years old. My son is ten years old, all of them have many affection for Anita.

She likes to play with my dog and cat. I have told her that she have to fly and the next flight I will be in her home with her pets. Mrs. Stebbing who gave me your address said that when Anita have to fly you have to go to Miami for her reception. That is it necessary you give me your address and your telephone number. You have to excuse me my many mistakes in English but every day I improve on the knowledge of your language. I wait news from you,

Yours very truly,

DR. ALFREDO ALVEAR E., *Attorney at Law.*

ARTHUR BERGNER, M.D., RENEE K. BERGNER, M.D.,
Burlington, Vt., August 21, 1973.

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ANITA TOMASI

DECEMBER 10, 1974.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed

Mr. EILBERG, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 3578]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3578) for the relief of Anita Tomasi, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of this bill is to facilitate the admission into the United States of the adopted child of a citizen of the United States.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The beneficiary of the bill is a 4-year-old native and citizen of Ecuador who lived in an orphanage until December 17, 1973, when she was adopted by proxy by a citizen of the United States and put in the care of a friend in Quito. The adoptive mother has four other adopted children, two sons, aged 11 and 9, and two daughters, aged 12 and 6. They all reside with her in Williston, Vermont. Information is to the effect that she is financially able to care for the beneficiary.

A letter, with attached memorandum, dated July 17, 1974 to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization with reference to the bill reads as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,
Washington, D.C., July 17, 1974.

HON. JAMES O. EASTLAND,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR: In response to your request for a report relative to the bill (S. 3578) for the relief of Anita Tomasi, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary.

The bill provides that the four-year-old child adopted by proxy may be classified as a child and be granted immediate relative status upon approval of a petition filed in her behalf by Miss Theresa Tomasi, a United States citizen.

It is noted that the bill makes inapplicable section 245(c) of the Act. The beneficiary is not in the United States.

Absent enactment of the bill, the beneficiary, a native of Ecuador, would be chargeable to the numerical limitation for immigrants from the Western Hemisphere.

Sincerely,

_____, Commissioner.

Enclosure.

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE S. 3578

Information concerning the case was obtained from Miss Theresa Tomasi, the adoptive parent of the beneficiary.

The beneficiary, Anita Tomasi, formerly known as Anita Carrasco-Carrasco, a native and citizen of Ecuador, was born February 23, 1970. From birth until December 17, 1973, she lived in an orphanage in Quito, Ecuador. On that date, a proxy adoption was granted to Miss Theresa Tomasi and the beneficiary commenced living with Dr. Alfredo Alvear E. in Quito, Ecuador to await travel to the United States. No information is available concerning the beneficiary's parents nor other members of her family. She is supported by both Dr. Alfredo Alvear E. and Miss Theresa Tomasi.

The beneficiary does not qualify for immediate relative status as a child under 101(b)(1)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act because she is not coming to the United States to be adopted by a United States citizen and spouse. Her adoptive parent is a single person.

Miss Theresa Tomasi, who is a native and citizen of the United States, was born on June 10, 1929. Four adopted children, two sons, ages 11 and 9, and two daughters, ages 12 and 6, natives and citizens of Canada, have been admitted to the United States for permanent residence. The children have

been well accepted in the community and appear normal and healthy. There is no evidence of neglect or lack of parental love by Miss Theresa Tomasi, in fact, the opposite is more than evident. The children are aware of their background and accept the fact that there is no father in the home. Miss Theresa Tomasi relies on her family and innumerable friends to fill the male role in their lives. Miss Tomasi's professional background in social work and psychology gives her knowledge and insights which make her ideally suited for managing, not only the normal problems of raising children, but also the special problems of an unusual adoptive situation. They reside in Williston, Vermont.

Miss Tomasi receives a salary of \$17,000 a year as Director of Social Services of the Medical Center Hospital of Vermont in Burlington, Vermont. Miss Tomasi's assets consist of a homestead located on an eight acre plot of land valued at approximately \$60,000 upon which there is an outstanding mortgage of \$3,000. She has a savings account in the amount of \$7,000 and various assets valued at \$4,000. She carries life and health insurance on all members of the family and finds that her income is ample for the needs of her family.

Senator George D. Aiken, the author of the bill, has submitted the following information in connection with the case:

Date: May, 1974

SEQUENCE OF SOME EVENTS AROUND OVERSEAS ADOPTION OF ANITA TOMASI

(The problem being I am single and therefore prohibited from filling out immigration form giving Anita exempt quota status.)

1. November, 1972, began by asking for Legislative change of immigration law requiring spouse to use immigration form to facilitate overseas adoption. Introduction of H.R. 2851 by Representative Malloy. (See attached correspondence to Representative Richard Malloy.) Bill passed House but is still in Senate.

2. August, 1973, began working with Families for Children for adoption of Equadorian child. Home Study (see attached) and all necessary documents completed. A little four year old girl, Anita Carrasco Carrasco was found, and the adoption was finalized on December 17, 1973. Child now Anita Tomasi.

3. Requested immigration form to give child exempt status on the quota. Was denied because form states applicant must definitely have spouse, which I do not.

4. Have consulted numerous immigration officials in Vermont. They feel the law is firm and must be upheld even though they can find no logical or defensible reason for her not to come to this country now. There will be no question of Anita coming two years hence (back up time on quota) at which time my daughter will be six and her adjustment to this country and her home made much more difficult. There is little question that this will be detrimental to her development.

5. Called Quito, Ecuador and talked to American Consulate there. Asked for Visitor's Permit—Immigration had suggested this as a

possibility and would not object to its use—however, would not put this in writing. Consulate would not grant Visa unless permission for Visa was in writing.

My youngest daughter had immigrated from Canada by first placing her name on quota then coming in temporarily on a Visitor's Visa—then on permanent status when her name came up on the quota. This was done with the consent of the American Consulate in Canada but the Consulate in Ecuador is far more conservative.

Another possibility was a parole—a Visa for special exceptions but no one thus far has felt that this could be used for Anita.

6. Contacted both Senator Aiken's and Congressman Mallory's offices for support on this matter but no action has been forthcoming yet.

Anita, upon completion of her adoption, five months ago, moved to the home of Alfredo Alvear in Quito. Dr. Alvear is the lawyer making the adoptive arrangements (see attached letter). They are becoming mutually fond of each other and it will be very sad for both when it is time to separate—to say nothing of the damaging effects to this little girl who, after having no home, is now in the process of putting down roots in the wrong home.

The present status is that she is to remain with Dr. Alvear who is going to work on the consulate there—although he is not too optimistic. I have offered to go over there, but he feels, at this point, it would be futile.

The current alternatives as I see them are:

1. The Bill H.R. 2851 should be passed through the Senate. (Immigration status should be changed no matter how this problem is resolved.)

2. The Immigration or Consulate could grant Anita a parole or Visitor's Visa.

3. A private bill could be introduced to give Anita special exemption under the law.

I have done everything I can think of except:

1. Go to Quito to talk personally to the Consul. Go to Washington to talk to higher ranked immigration officials (Burlington has talked to Washington via phone with reference to this several times.) Go to Washington to personally talk to Vermont's representatives (have talked to their offices by phone several times):

2. Bring an injunction and subsequent court action against immigration for discriminatory practices.

3. Create public knowledge and sentiment re this problem to gain additional support.

4. Move to Quito.

Numbers 2, 3, and 4 I have been reluctant to do. Other than the above, I need new ideas upon which to act. Otherwise my daughter will probably remain in Quito for two years.

ADOPTIVE MOTHER'S STATEMENT

I was born in Barre, Vt. June 10, 1929. My original family consisted of my parents and two brothers. My father is a dentist, physician and surgeon, who is still in general practice. My mother is a housewife, my elder brother a physician with a Ph. D. in bio-chemistry who is chairman of Immunology at the Mayo Clinic. My younger brother a Ph. D. in education:

I was educated in the Burlington school system and then at the University of Vermont graduating with an M.A. in psychology in 1950. After taking a trip around the U.S., I worked for the Angell Memorial Hospital in Boston, Mass. for two years as a Veterinary Nurse.

In 1952 I returned to Burlington, Vt. and began working for the Dept. of Social Welfare as a case worker, first as a public assistance worker and later as a child welfare worker. After nine years of work I returned to school for my Masters in Social Work at McGill University in Montreal, Canada, graduating in 1963. This is where I became interested in and privileged to adopt four lovely children.

The children are now: Tracy Anne, age eleven; Thomas Andrew, age ten; Timothy Aaron, age nine; Torah Alana, age six. The adoptions were implemented during the time span 1963 to 1970.

After graduate school I returned to Burlington in 1963 to work one year at the Elizabeth Lund Home, a home for unwed mothers. I then went to the Medical Center Hospital of Vermont, where I am currently director of Social Service. This involves administration of a Dept. of Social Service within a 550 bed hospital and 40 bed Nursing Home, consisting of three secretaries, eighteen social workers, and varying social work students. I enjoy my job and earn approximately seventeen thousands dollars annually. We own our own home on approximately eight acres of land, valued at approximately seventy thousand dollars (because of the acreage).

The children and I are of the Catholic Religion. We live on Brownelle Road in Williston, Vermont where I have lived for the past seventeen years.

We have a variety of animals for the children's use and affection, including two ponies, two horses, five sheep, five baby lambs, two goats, one kid, fifteen cats, seven dogs, chickens, guinea pigs, fish, etc. The children enjoy many activities—training their dogs for show and obedience work, riding and training their horses, feeding and caring for their many pets. They belong to the 4-H Club, Girl and Boy Scouts. Tracy, Thomas and Timothy play Little League baseball and they swim both during the summer and winter on swim teams. In the summertime we belong to the Burlington Country Club where the children swim and golf.

We live across the street from a development so the children have many nearby friends and are most always active and occupied. They have many physical conveniences such as tents, camping equipment, bikes, badminton, volley ball, swing sets, jungle Jims, etc.

The children attend Williston School where they are in their appropriate grades and are very active in school activities and enjoy school very much.

They are much loved by their grandparents and have frequent contact with them. I think it is safe to say they mutually enrich each others lives in a very special way. In my opinion they are marvelous children who give a great deal to life, especially mine. I do not even want to imagine what "LIFE" would have been like without them!

We are all anxiously awaiting Anita's arrival, and have been since her adoption five months ago. The children speak of her frequently and we believe we all have a great deal to give as well as receive from another family member.

It seems so senseless to hold up her arrival. She belongs to our family now and it is just a question of the timing of her arrival. However, the question is not a simple one—it is very meaningful and will have much impact on both our new child's future life and our entire family unit.

MISS THERESA TOMASI.

HOME STUDY SUMMARY FOR: THERESA LUCY TOMASI,
WILLISTON, VT.

Mother: Theresa Lucy Tomasi was born June 10, 1929, in Barre, Vermont to parents of Italian descent and Roman Catholic faith. Her father was a local physician and both parents were known to the community as outstandingly fine people.

Theresa graduated from the local schools in Barre and went on to the University of Vermont where she got a Bachelor of Arts degree with her major in Psychology. From there she went to McGill University in Montreal finishing with a Master of Social Work degree. She has worked for the Department of Social Welfare, the Elizabeth Lund Home, and for the past several years in the Social Service Department of the DeGoesbriand Unit of the Vermont Medical Center.

Theresa is five feet, four inches tall, weighs a 120 pounds, has dark brown hair and eyes. She has an immediately warm personality with an obvious joy of living. She has a remarkable sense of humor and a completely commonsense approach to life. Theresa has never been married and has no plans to marry in the immediate future. She recognized long ago her strong desire to be a parent and this was before single parent adoptions were as common as they are nowadays.

Children: All four of Theresa's children have been adopted and have come to her from Canada. They all have some degree of Negro heritage and for this reason were considered difficult to place in adoption.

Tracy, the oldest daughter, was born May 30, 1962. Thomas was born May 24, 1963, Timothy's birthdate is April 2, 1965, and the youngest girl, Tora, was born April 13, 1968.

All of the children have been well accepted in the community and are held in real parental love by Theresa. Miss Tomasi indicates that the older two children are beginning to have some pre-adolescent adjustment problems but nothing that could not be expected from natural children and certainly nothing that she is unable to cope with. The children are all in excellent health and friends who know this Tomasi family extoll the virtues of Theresa as the mother and the children as the adopted children. All the youngsters are well aware of their background and accept the fact that there is no father in this home. Theresa Tomasi counts on her family and her innumerable friends to fill the male role in the lives of these children.

Home: Theresa Tomasi has a small mortgage left on her ranch style home that is located on a large plot of land in the town of Williston. The value of the property is in the area of \$75,000. It is obvious that the housekeeping standards are relaxed but acceptable. Miss Tomasi's efforts when she is in the home very obviously go toward the children and not toward keeping the house spotless or in perfect order. It is a comfortable home and has ample room for an additional child.

Income: Theresa Tomasi is now earning \$16,200 a year as the head of the Social Service Department of the DeGoesbriand Hospital. She carries life and health insurance on all members of the family and finds that her income is ample for the needs of her family including the cost of a babysitter when Miss Tomasi is not there.

Religion: The entire family is involved in the Roman Catholic Church and Miss Tomasi would expect to bring up an additional child as a Catholic.

Health: All members of the family are in good health. Being associated with the Hospital, Miss Tomasi is particularly aware of the needs of children and has access to the best medical care in the state.

Recommendation: It is respectfully recommended that Miss Tomasi be considered for the placement of a child in her home.

Mrs. DOROTHY M. MOSS, *Supervisor.*

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont on Sept. 28, 1973.

BARBARA C. REED, *Notary Public.*

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: Theresa L. Tomasi, M.S.W.; A.C.S.W.

Address: RFD #2, Brownell Road, Williston, Vermont.

Date of birth: June 10, 1929. Place of birth: Barre, Vermont.

Marital status: Single, Four adopted children.

Education: College Preparatory, Burlington High School, 1946, Burlington, Vermont. B.A., University of Vermont, 1950, Burlington, Vermont. Major in Psychology. M.S.W., McGill University School of Social Work, 1963, Montreal, Canada.

Experience: 1950-1952: Angell Memorial Animal Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts. Veterinary nurse. Care and treatment of small animals.

1952-1955: State of Vermont, Public Assistance Worker, Chittenden County. Casework with persons applying for and receiving: Aid to Dependent Children; Aid to the Disabled; Aid to the Blind; and Old Age Assistance. Establishing eligibility of applicants and working out appropriate financial budgets. Also evaluating social situations and offering supportive casework where needed.

1956-1961: State of Vermont, Child Welfare Worker, Chittenden County. Case work with children (infants to 21 years) committed to the State of Vermont. Supervision of these children in their own homes, foster homes, or institutions. Working with families on a preventive service basis. Provided casework services to children, own families and foster families.

From 1959 to 1961: Court worker for Chittenden County. Investigation of petitions for commitment of dependent, neglected, and delinquent children. Submitting an evaluative report with appropriate recommendations to the Chittenden Municipal Court. Case work with and placement of children according to need. Six months of supervisory experience as senior worker in absence of Supervisor. Supervision of six child welfare workers. The nature of the work with the State of Vermont necessitated frequent contacts with numerous agencies throughout the State of Vermont and development of skill in identifying and coordinating community resources.

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Casework with persons undergoing rehabilitative training—persons suffering from a wide variety of physical handicaps or impediments, including multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, etc. The team approach was employed—working cooperatively with physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, occupational, physical, and speech therapists.

1962–1963: Work placement for graduate study: Psychiatric setting. The Allen Memorial Institute, Montreal, Canada. The treatment of mentally ill patients on both an in-patient and out-patient basis. Casework with both patient and his family. Team approach used having frequent conferences with psychiatrists, psychologists, occupational therapists, and psychiatric nurses.

1963–1965: The Elizabeth Lund Home, Inc. Burlington, Vermont, a residential home for unwed mothers and private adoption agency. Psychiatric Social Worker. Casework with unwed mothers and their families. Worked on an intensive basis with a caseload of approximately 10–15 girls. Evaluation of adoptive parents including home study, placement and subsequent supervision of babies in adoptive homes.

1965–June, 1971: Director of Social Service, DeGoesbriand Memorial Hospital, Burlington, Vermont. Establishment of a Social Service Department at a 200 bed teaching hospital. Setting social work policies and practices and providing social work coverage to all services within the hospital. Also, similar coverage to a 40 bed extended care facility. Expanded staff and developed the Department from 1 to 5 workers, providing their training and supervision. Remained with hospital during merger with Mary Fletcher Hospital, Burlington, Vermont.

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1967–June 1971 (1 day/wk): Hospital Improvement Plan Social Work Consultant at Dannemora State Hospital, Dannemora, New York. Consultant work involved research, group work, and extensive work with both patients and staff to improve communication and relationships within this mental institution which provides care to psychotic criminals of New York State.

1970–1971: Consultant to Health Department, State of Vermont. Medicare Review and accreditation of nursing homes in State of Vermont. Establishment of educational programs for better understanding of social service in the nursing home setting.

Other pertinent professional activities: National Association of Social Workers; Community Council of Greater Burlington; Vermont Conference of Social Concerns; Visiting Nurse Association—Board Member and Chairman, Personnel Committee; Northern Vermont Multiple Sclerosis Society, Patient Service Committee; Utilization Committee, Medical Center Hospital of Vermont; Vermont Cancer Society, Board Member.

DR. ALFREDO ALVEAR E., ATTORNEY AT LAW,
Quito, April 16, 1974.

MISS THERESA TOMASI,
Vermont.

DEAR MISS: I am your lawyer in the process of adoption of Anita. I sent all the documents to Mrs. Simpson for getting the immigration visa for Anita. Now I enclose you her photo. She's very intelligent and understands every thing.

Since the day I got the decree of adoption she's lived in my home. She thinks that it is her permanently home and I am her father, that is the reason I ask you hastes the immigration visa because Anita when takes her trip, she will be sadly. I told her that her mother is awaiting her in Vermont. I considerer that the dealy be due to the immigration requisites.

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Ninety-third Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

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An Act

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Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*

December 19, 1974

Dear Mr. Director:

The following bills were received at the White House on December 19th:

✓ S.J. Res. 234	S. 2838 ✓	S. 3578 ✓
S. 184 ✓	S. 3341 ✓	S. 3615 ✓
S. 194 ✓	S. 3397 ✓	H.R. 3538 ✓
S. 1283 ✓	S. 3418 ✓	H.R. 14401 ✓
S. 1357 ✓	S. 3489 ✓	H.R. 15912 ✓
S. 2125 ✓	S. 3518 ✓	H.R. 16609 ✓
S. 2594 ✓	S. 3574 ✓	H.R. 16901 ✓

Please let the President have reports and recommendations as to the approval of these bills as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Linder
Chief Executive Clerk

The Honorable Roy L. Ash
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C.

