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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bill H.R. 1388 - For the relief of

Guadalupe Villegas-Cantu

Sponsor - Rep. de la Garza (D) Texas

Last Day for Action

July 9, 1975 - Wednesday

Purpose

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Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget

Approva1

Immigration and Naturalization Service
Department of State

Approval No objection

Discussion

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She is subject to deportation but is without ties or friends in Mexico. The enrolled bill would give beneficiary status de jure that she has had de facto and permit her to live and work with her family and friends at her home.



Her income is about \$6,300 a year and she has assets of about \$3,000. She has no one dependent on her.

Acting Assistant Director for Legislative Reference

Enclosures



ACTION

washington July 3, 1975

Last Day: July 9

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JIM CANNON

SUBJECT:

Enrolled Bill H.R. 1388 - For the Relief of Guadalupe Villegas-Cantu

Attached for your consideration is H.R. 1388, sponsored by Representative de la Garza, which would grant permanent resident status to Guadalupe Villegas-Cantu, a native of Mexico, as of November 26, 1948.

Miss Villegas, who has lived in the U.S. since she was two years old, believed until recently that she was a U.S. citizen. She is the daughter of a permanent resident mother and a U.S. citizen step-father and would be subject to deportation.

Additional information is provided in OMB's enrolled bill report at Tab A.

OMB, Max Friedersdorf, Phil Buchen (Lazarus), NSC and I recommend approval of the enrolled bill.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign H.R. 1388 at Tab B.

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO .:

Date:

July 2

FOR ACTION:

Nick Parsons M Max Friedersdorf

Ken Lazarus

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Time:

500pm

cc (for information): Jim Cavanaugh

Jack Marsh

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date:

July 3

Time: 400pm

SUBJECT:

H.R. 1388 - For the relief of Guadalupe Villegas-Cantu

ACTION REQUESTED:

For Necessary Action

For Your Recommendations

Prepare Agenda and Brief

Draft Reply

* For Your Comments

Draft Remarks

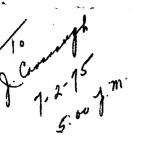
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PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

K. R. COLE, JR. For the President



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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

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Enclosures

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

July 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CAVANAUGH

FROM:

Jeanne W. Day

SUBJECT:

Enrolled Bill H. R. 1388 For the Relief of Guadalupe

Villegas - Cantu

The NSC Staff concurs in the proposed enrolled bill H. R. 1388.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

Washington 25, D.C.

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

JUL 1 1975

AND REFER TO THIS FILE NO.
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TO :	OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET		
SUBJECT:	Enrolled Private Bill No. H. R. 1388 ; Office of Management and Budget request dated June 27, 1975		
	Beneficiary or BeneficiariesGuadalupe Villegas-Cantu		
	Pursuant to your request for the views of the Department of Justice of 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 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,

CO Form 18 (REV. 1-17-72)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

JUL 1 1975

Honorable James T. Lynn Director, Office of Management and Budget Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Lynn:

Reference is made to Mr. Frey's communication of June 30, 1975, transmitting for comment enrolled bill H.R. 1388, "For the relief of Guadalupe Villegas-Cantu".

This Department's files contain no information identifiable with the above-cited alien, and in the absence of any derogatory information, the Department has no objection to the enactment of this bill.

Sincerely yours,

Leonard F. Watentynowicz

Administrator

Bureau of Security and

Consular Affairs

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO .:

Date:

July 2

FOR ACTION: Dick Parsons

Max Friedersdorf

Ken Lazarus

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Time: 500pm

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FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date:

July 3

Time: 400pm

SUBJECT:

H.R. 1388 - For the relief of Guadalupe Villegas-Cantu

MOTION REQUESTED:

For Necessary Action

X For Your Recommendations

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_ Draft Remarks

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Draft Remarks

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No objection. -- Ken Lazarus 7/3/75

SENATE

REPORT No. 94-232

GUADALUPE VILLEGAS-CANTU

June 24 (legislative day, June 6), 1975.—Ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 1388]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 1388), for the relief of Guadalupe Villegas-Cantu, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to grant the status of permanent residence in the United States to Guadalupe Villegas-Cantu as of November 26, 1948. The bill provides for the payment of the required visa fee and for the appropriate visa number deduction. The granting of permanent residence as of this date will permit the beneficiary to file a petition for naturalization in accordance with the provisions of section 316 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a 28-year-old native and citizen of Mexico who was brought into the United States by her mother without inspection on August 30, 1948. She is single and resides in Brownsville, Tex., with her mother, a lawful permanent resident, and her stepfather, a U.S. citizen. The beneficiary is employed as an elementary school-teacher.

A letter, with attached memorandum, dated October 24, 1974, to the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization refers to H.R. 16274, a similar bill introduced in the 93d Congress. The letter and memorandum read as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE, Washington, D.C., October 24, 1974.

Hon. Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In response to your request for a report relative to the bill H.R. 16274 for the relief of Guadalupe Villegas-Cantu, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary.

The bill would grant the beneficiary permanent residence in the United States as of November 26, 1948, upon payment of the required visa fee. It would also direct that a visa number deduction be made.

The beneficiary, a native of Mexico, is chargeable to the numerical limitation for immigrants from the Western Hemisphere. However, she is statutorily ineligible to adjust her status while in the United States and will be required to obtain a visa outside this country.

Sincerely,

Commissioner.

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE H.R. 16274

The beneficiary, Guadalupe Villegas-Cantu, a native and citizen of Mexico, was born on September 1, 1946. She is unmarried and resides in Brownsville, Texas, with her mother and stepfather. She has received all of her schooling in the United States, receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1971. Beneficiary is employed as an elementary school teacher at a salary of \$6,295.00 a year. Her assets consist of about \$3,000.

Miss Villegas has no one dependent on her for support. Her mother and sister are permanent residents of the United States. Her stepfather is a United States citizen. She has two half sisters and one half brother who are U.S. citizens.

The beneficiary was brought into the United States on August 30, 1948, at Brownsville, Tex., by her mother, without inspection. Deportation proceedings were instituted on August 27, 1974, on the ground that she is an immigrant not in possession of an immigrant visa. She was accorded a deportation hearing before an Immigration Judge on September 20, 1974, and granted the privilege of voluntary departure with the alternative of deportation if she should fail to depart when required.

The beneficiary's employer applied for an alien employment certification in her behalf as a teacher, but the application was denied. Miss Villegas appears to be eligible to apply for suspension of deportation and on August 27, 1974, was advised to make application but she has failed to do so.

Miss Guadalupe Villegas is also the beneficiary of Private Bill S. 3986.

A supplemental report from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization dated March 25, 1975, refers to the instant bill:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

IMMIRGATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,

Washington, D.C., March 25, 1975.

Hon. Peter W. Rodino, Jr., Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This refers to H.R. 1388, 94th Congress, in behalf of Guadalupe Villegas-Cantu, who is also the beneficiary of S. 602, 94th Congress. Miss Villegas was also the beneficiary of H.R. 16274, 93d Congress and S. 3986, 93d Congress.

The beneficiary was accorded a reopened deportation hearing on February 11, 1975, at which time she submitted an application for suspension of deportation under Section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act. The committee will be further advised.

Sincerely,

Commissioner.

Congressman E. (Kika) de la Garza, the author of H.R. 1388, submitted the following statement in support of the bill:

STATEMENT BY E. (KIKA) DE LA GARZA ON H.R. 1388

Mr. Chairman, H.R. 1388 proposes that for the purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Guadalupe Villegas-Cantu shall be held to have been lawfully admitted to the United States on November 26, 1948.

The beneficiary of this bill, a native and citizen of Mexico, was born September 1, 1946. At the age of two she was brought into the United States by her mother at Brownsville, Texas, without inspection.

She grew up believing she had been born in Brownsville. All of her school records at the Brownsville Public Schools, Texas Southmost College, and Pan American University indicate that she believed herself to be a citizen of the United States. Approximately 3 weeks prior to her graduation from Pan American University in 1971 she was informed by her stepfather that she was not a citizen of the United States.

This was certainly a shock to the young lady. Being an honest and conscientious person she immediately contacted the Immigration and Naturalization Service to advise the Service of her status. INS has been very cooperative in trying to work with her on this problem. The documents required from Mexico have proved to be a stumbling block.

A review of her life in the United States shows that she has been a model citizen and a model student. School officials report that she has been a good teacher in Brownsville Public Schools.

Miss Villegas-Cantu received all of her schooling in the United States. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1971 and thereafter was employed as an elementary school teacher in Brownsville.

Miss Villegas-Cantu has no one dependent on her for support. Her mother and sister are permanent residents of the United States, and her stepfather is a U.S. citizen. She has two half-sisters and one half-brother who are U.S. citizens.

Having moved to the United States at such a young age, Miss Villegas-Cantu is without ties or friends in Mexico.

My bill would give the beneficiary the de jure status that she had enjoyed on a de facto basis, permitting her to continue to live with her family in the city that is home to her. She seeks permanent residence in the country where she has proved she possesses the qualities of a loyal, self-supporting citizen.

Senator Lloyd Bentsen has introduced similar bills, S. 602, and S. 1813, for the relief of the same beneficiary. Since the instant bill is being reported favorably, the bills S. 602 and S. 1813 will be indefinitely postponed.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of

the opinion that the bill (H.R. 1388) should be enacted.

GUADALUPE VILLEGAS-CANTU

APRIL 8, 1975.—Ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 1388]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 1388) for the relief of Guadalupe Villegas-Cantu, 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 grant the status of permanent residence in the United States to Guadalupe Villegas-Cantu as of November 26, 1948.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The beneficiary of this bill is a 28-year-old single female who is a native and citizen of Mexico. She believed she was born in the United States and all of her school records so indicate. About three weeks prior to her graduation from college in 1971 she was informed by her stepfather that he and her mother brought her to the United States when she was two years old from Mexico. She is unable to obtain a teaching certificate in Texas since she does not meet the statutory requirement of citizenship. Beneficiary is employed in Brownsville, Texas at a salary of \$6,295 annually.

The pertinent facts in this case are contained in letters dated October 24, 1974 and March 25, 1975 from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization to the Chairman of the Committee on the

Judiciary which read as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE, Washington, D.C., October 24, 1974.

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Enclosure.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE, Washington, D.C., March 25, 1975.

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BUDGETARY INFORMATION

This legislation does not provide new budget authority and no estimate or comparison has been received from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office.

OVERSIGHT STATEMENT

The Committee exercises general oversight jurisdiction with respect to all immigration and nationality matters but no specific oversight is contemplated in this instance.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Upon consideration of all of the facts in this case, the Committee is of the opinion that H.R. 1388 should be enacted and accordingly recommends that the bill do pass.

Minety-fourth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-five

An Act

For the relief of Guadalupe Villegas-Cantu.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Guadalupe Villegas-Cantu shall be held and considered to have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence on November 26, 1948, upon payment of the required visa fee. Upon the granting of permanent residence to such alien as provided for in this Act, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper officer to deduct one number from the total number of immigrant admissions authorized pursuant to the provisions of section 21(e) of the Act of October 3, 1965.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

June 27, 1975

Dear Mr. Director:

The following bills were received at the White House on June 27th:

S.J. Res. 98 🗸	H.R. 1421 V	H.R. 3382
S. 2003 V	H.R. 1510	H.R. 3526
H.R. 1387 V.	H.R. 1556	H.R. 5217
H.R. 1388	H.R. 1649	H.R. 6900 /
H.R. 1393	H.R. 2109	H.R. 7709
H.R. 1408	H.R. 2119	H.R. 8030 V
H.R. 1410	H.R. 2946	

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 James T. Lynn Director Office of Management and Budget Washington, D. C.