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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

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Subject: Enrolled Bills

- (1) H.R. 1387 - For the relief of Raul Alvarez Rodriguez
Sponsor - Rep. de la Garza (D) Texas
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Sponsor - Rep. McCollister (R) Nebraska
- (5) H.R. 2119 - For the relief of Maria Gilda Haro
Sponsor - Rep. Talcott (R) California

Last Day for Action

July 9, 1975 - Wednesday

Purpose

To facilitate adjustment of status of the beneficiaries to permanent residence.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget

Approval

Immigration and Naturalization Service
Department of State

Approval
No objection

Discussion

Each of the enrolled bills would facilitate adjustment of status of one of the beneficiaries to permanent residence. Each beneficiary is over 14 years of age and an adopted child of a United States citizen. Being over 14 at the time of adoption, they are not eligible for immediate relative status as children.



The specific background of the respective bills follows.

H.R. 1387 - Raul Alvarez Rodriguez, beneficiary, is a 21 year old son of a citizen of the U.S. He is a native and citizen of Mexico and first entered the U.S. when he was four years old. He was adopted in Mexico in 1969 by his aunt who became a U.S. citizen on November 1, 1974. She has been a lawful permanent resident of the U.S. since 1954.

Beneficiary's aunt owns her own home, is regularly employed, and has a modest savings.

If beneficiary is not granted permanent resident status, he must leave the U.S. Beneficiary has attended schools in Texas since 1965 and is presently a student in college in Texas. He is anxious to join the U.S. armed forces.

H.R. 1393 - Jacinta Roque Armstrong-Perez, beneficiary, is a 17 year old daughter of a U.S. citizen and an alien lawfully resident in the U.S. She is a native and citizen of Panama and resides in Panama with her adoptive mother who is also beneficiary's aunt. She was adopted in 1972 and is employed in Panama City.

Beneficiary's adoptive father is employed by the Navy in Pennsylvania having been employed by the Navy in Panama until 1972. His income is about \$7,500 a year and his assets total about \$15,000, much of it being a farm and buildings in Panama. Beneficiary's adoptive mother, a permanent U.S. resident, is temporarily living on the farm property in Panama.

Absent the enrolled bill, beneficiary would be chargeable to the numerical limitation and subject to an extended delay in adjustment of her status.

H.R. 1408 - Joseph Hoffman, beneficiary, is a 19 year old son of a citizen of the U.S. He is a native and citizen of Morocco who first entered the U.S. in 1971. He was legally adopted by U.S. citizens in 1974. He is a full-time student.

The adoptive parents live in Florida and list their assets as near \$200,000. They have been married since 1946 and have two grown children.

Beneficiary's student visa expired June 3, 1975 and unless he gets permanent residence status he will be ineligible to stay with his adoptive parents.

H.R. 1510 - Steve P. Reese, beneficiary, is a 20 year old son of a U.S. citizen. He is a native and citizen of Mexico and first entered the U.S. in 1968. He was adopted in 1973.

Beneficiary's adoptive parent lives in Omaha, Nebraska and owns his own business. His income is about \$25,000 a year and his assets approximately \$175,000. Mr. Reese is also helping beneficiary's family in Mexico.

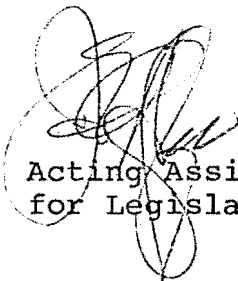
Beneficiary is a full-time student who works for his adoptive father in his photography business.

But for this enrolled bill, beneficiary would have to apply for an approved labor certification and apply for a Special Immigrant Visa resulting in several years delay.

H.R. 2119 - Maria Gilda Haro, beneficiary, is a 22 year old adopted daughter of a U.S. citizen and an alien lawfully resident in the U.S. She is a native and citizen of Mexico. She entered the U.S. in 1970 as a temporary visitor and, after extensions of her stay, is subject to deportation. She was adopted in Mexico in 1970.

Beneficiary's adoptive father and mother are an agricultural worker and a retired agricultural worker respectively who adopted beneficiary because they wanted a child. Their income is \$1,100 a month in season and their assets include a trailer home, a pickup truck, a car and about \$4,000 in savings.

But for this enrolled bill, beneficiary would have to return to Mexico after five years in the U.S. with her adoptive parents.



Acting Assistant Director
for Legislative Reference

Enclosures

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

6/11/75
ACTION

Last Day: July 9

July 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JIM CANNON 

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bills

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- (5) H.R. 2119 - For the Relief of Marie Gilda Haro

Attached for your consideration are enrolled bills to facilitate adjustment of status of the beneficiaries to permanent residence. Each beneficiary is over 14 years of age and an adopted child of a U.S. citizen. Since they were over 14 at the time of adoption, they are not eligible for immediate relative status as citizens.

Background information on each of the enrolled bills is provided at Tab A.

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

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the enrolled bills at Tab B.

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

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

AND REFER TO THIS FILE NO.

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TO : OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

SUBJECT: Enrolled Private Bill No. H. R. 1408 ; Office of Management
and Budget request dated June 27, 1975

Beneficiary or Beneficiaries Joseph Hoffman

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

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
bills

H.R. 1387, "For the relief of Raul Alvarez Rodriguez",
H.R. 1408, "For the relief of Joseph Hoffman", and
H.R. 2119, "For the relief of Maria Gilda Jimenez-Alcala".

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

Sincerely yours,

Leonard F. Walentynowicz
Administrator
Bureau of Security and
Consular Affairs



THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: July 2,

Time: 500pm

FOR ACTION: Dick Parsons *MP*
NSC/S *or Davis*
Max Friedersdoff *MF*
Ken Lazarus *KL*

cc (for information): Jim Cavanaugh
Jack Marsh

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: July 3

Time: 300pm

SUBJECT:

Relief Bills

H.R. 1387

H.R. 2119

H.R. 1393

H.R. 1408

H.R. 1510

ACTION REQUESTED:

H.R. 211

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

THE WHITE HOUSE

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WASHINGTON

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Time: 500pm

FOR ACTION: Dick Parsons
NSC/S
Max Friedersdorf
Ken Lazarus ✓

cc (for information): Jim Cavanaugh
Jack Marsh

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: July 3

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

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ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

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FOR ACTION: Dick Parsons
NSC/S
Max Friedersdorf
Ken Lazarus

cc (for information): Jim Cavanaugh
Jack Marsh

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: July 3

Time: 300pm

SUBJECT:

Relief Bills

H.R. 1387

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H.R. 1510

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REMARKS:

No objection. RA

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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July 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CAVANAUGH
FROM: Jeanne W. Dav ~~MM~~
SUBJECT: Relief Bills

The NSC Staff concurs in the proposed relief bills H. R. 1387, H. R. 1393, H. R. 1408, H. R. 1510 and H. R. 2119.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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JOSEPH HOFFMAN

APRIL 8, 1975.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and
ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 1408]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 1408) for the relief of Joseph Hoffman, 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 adjustment of status to permanent residence of the adopted son of citizens of the United States.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The beneficiary of this bill is an 18-year-old native and citizen of Morocco who is also a citizen of Israel. He was admitted to the United States as a student in June of 1971 and is pursuing a full course of study. He was adopted in Florida on April 17, 1974 by United States citizens with whom he has resided for more than two years. They have a married daughter and an adult son who is self-supporting. The beneficiary's natural mother is deceased.

The pertinent facts in this case are contained in a letter dated September 27, 1974 from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization to the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary regarding a bill then pending for the relief of the same person. That letter and accompanying memorandum read as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,
Washington, D.C., September 27, 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. 14707) for relief of Joseph Hoffman, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary.

The bill provides that the eighteen-year old beneficiary who is the adopted son of United States citizens, may be classified as a child and be granted immediate relative status.

Absent enactment of the bill, the beneficiary, a native of Morocco, is chargeable to the nonpreference portion of the numerical limitation for immigrants and conditional entrants from countries in the Eastern Hemisphere.

Sincerely,

D. F. CHAPMAN, JR.,
Commissioner.

Enclosure.

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE H.R. 14707

The beneficiary, Joseph Israel Hoffman, was born Joseph Israel on June 23, 1956 in Kenitra, Morocco and is a dual national of Morocco and Israel. His father is unknown and his mother, Gauta Cohen, born on an unknown date in Morocco, was killed during 1968. The beneficiary resided with guardians in Morocco until they migrated to the United States during 1970. He was then sent to a private school in Israel where he remained until he was admitted to the United States as a foreign student on June 4, 1971. He resumed residence with his guardians in Miami Beach, Florida until October 10, 1973 when guardianship was assumed by the Interested Parties. The beneficiary was legally adopted by the Interested Parties on April 17, 1974 in the Circuit Court of the 11th Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida. He is maintaining status of a foreign student and is attending Miami-Dade Community College as a full-time student. The beneficiary was arrested on June 23, 1973 on a shoplifting charge which was later dismissed as a misunderstanding.

The beneficiary does not qualify for immediate relative status as a child under Section 101(b)(1)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act because he has attained his 14th birthday.

The Interested Parties, Bernard Hoffman, aka Ben Hoffman and Rose Hoffman, are citizens of the United States born in Chicago, Illinois on March 7, 1923 and April 22, 1926, respectively. They reside in North Miami Beach, Florida. They were married January 20, 1946 and have two children, Arnold Hoffman, born June 30, 1948 and Myra Hoffman Goldapple, born March 10, 1947. Both are self-supporting. Mr. Hoffman is self-employed in Air Conditioning and Refrigeration located in Hallandale, Florida. He lists his assets as near \$200,000. Mrs. Hoffman is not employed. No arrest records were located which relate to either Interested Party.

A copy of the adoption decree is attached.

In the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for
Dade County, Fla.

NO. 73-30344

IN RE: ADOPTION OF JOSEPH ISRAEL, A MINOR BY BERNARD HOFFMAN,
A/K/A BEN HOFFMAN AND ROSE HOFFMAN, HIS WIFE

FINAL JUDGMENT OF ADOPTION

This cause coming on to be heard this 23rd day of January, 1974, on the Petition of Bernard Hoffman a/k/a Ben Hoffman and Rose Hoffman, his wife, for adoption of Joseph Israel, born June 23, 1956, and the Court being fully advised in the premises, it is thereupon,

Ordered and Adjudged, that the Petitioners, Bernard Hoffman a/k/a Ben Hoffman and Rose Hoffman, his wife, are fit and proper persons to adopt the child named in the Petition and that the best interests of the child will be permitted by said adoption, and that further, said child is suitable for adoption by said Petitioners and it is further,

Ordered and Adjudged, that permanent custody of the child, Joseph Israel, by and the same is hereby given to Bernard Hoffman a/k/a Ben Hoffman and Rose Hoffman, his wife, and that said child is given the lawful name of and shall henceforth be known as Joseph Israel Hoffman and that the said child is hereby declared to be the legal child and lawful heir of Bernard Hoffman a/k/a Ben Hoffman and Rose Hoffman, his wife, and that said child shall be subject to all the obligations and to all of the rights and privileges of a child born to the adopting parents in lawful wedlock.

Done and Ordered in Chambers, at Miami, Dade County, Florida, this 17th day of April, 1974.

HAROLD G. FEATHERSTONE,
Circuit Judge.

This Copy is a true Copy of the Original on file in this Office. Witness my hand and Official Seal.

This 17th day of April A.D., 1974.

RICHARD P. BRINKER,
Clerk, Circuit Court.
By NANCY L. GROVE.

In the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of the State of
Florida, in and for Dade County

CIVIL ACTION NO. 73-30344

IN RE: ADOPTION OF JOSEPH ISRAEL, A MINOR, BY BERNARD HOFFMAN,
A/K/A BEN HOFFMAN AND ROSE HOFFMAN, HIS WIFE

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
REHABILITATIVE SERVICES DIVISION OF FAMILY SERVICES

Comes now the Division of Family Services and respectfully shows:
I. That in compliance with Section 63.091 Florida Statutes of 1969 as amended, it has made the social investigation of the above adoption

and a written statement of the facts found through said investigation is attached hereto, marked Exhibit "A", and expressly made a part hereof.

II. That the Division of Family Services respectfully calls the attention of the Court to the facts:

That the natural father of the minor sought to be adopted is unknown and the natural mother is allegedly deceased.

III. That subject to the Court's determination, in view of the facts set forth above, that necessary steps have been taken to protect the rights of all parties to this proceeding and to assure the legality of this adoption, and in view of the fact that the child has resided in the home of the petitioners under the supervision of the Division of Family Services for a period of ninety (90) days, the Division of Family Services recommends that permanent custody of said minor child, Joseph Israel, be granted to the petitioners, Bernard Hoffman and Rose Hoffman, and that a final decree of adoption be entered.

IV. That as required by law and in order to enable it to comply with its duties herein, the Division of Family Services, Region No. 11 Office, requests that it be given notice of the time and place of any and all hearings on this petition for adoption.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of April 1974.

DIVISION OF FAMILY SERVICES,
By ENID ENDSLEY, *Director*.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE
STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR DADE COUNTY

NO.: 73-30344

IN RE: ADOPTION OF JOSEPH ISRAEL, A MINOR, BY BERNARD HOFFMAN,
A/K/A BEN HOFFMAN AND ROSE HOFFMAN, HIS WIFE

STATEMENT OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATIVE
SERVICES, DIVISION OF FAMILY SERVICES, EXHIBIT "A"

To the Honorable Judges of the Above Styled Court:

The Division of Family Services respectfully submits the following report on the findings of its social investigation, upon which its recommendations are based:

1. In regard to the suitability of the petitioners as adoptive parents:

The petitioners are Bernard Hoffman, age 51, and Rosebelle Hoffman, nee Hakutin, age 47, who with the adoptee, age seventeen, reside at 1050 N.E. 171st Terrace, North Miami Beach, Florida. The adoptive petitioners reside in a three bedroom, two bath home, located in a moderately populated middle-class residential area in North Miami Beach, Florida. Accommodations and furnishings are adequate and suitable for the petitioners' needs.

The petitioners' first and only marriage took place on January 20, 1946, in Los Angeles, California. This has been verified. The petitioners seem to have a stable, secure and mutually satisfying relationship with one another and attribute the success of their long marriage to mutual interests and goals and consistent hard work on the part of both of

them. Parental roles are well defined here and the adoptive father is definitely the head of his household.

The adoptive father has been self-employed for some years as a refrigerator engineer and states that he belongs to Local Union Number 725, which includes plumbers and pipe fitters. His average earnings for 1973 were around \$20,000. He showed this representative however, that his yearly income can vary by as much as \$7,000 or \$8,000 upwards depending on the amount of work he takes in. In addition to income from his job, the adoptive father owns several properties, whose asset market values are in excess of \$165,000, several stocks totaling \$8,084, and savings in the total amount of \$26,549.27. In addition to this, the petitioners have adequate insurance to cover themselves.

The petitioners are parents of two natural children, presently twenty-seven and twenty-six years of age and both live independently. According to the petitioners, these two children are aware of the adoptive plan and are in favor of it.

Regarding the circumstances of placement, the adoptee lived with his natural mother in French Morocco and was supported by her until he was twelve years old. In 1968, when the adoptee was twelve, his mother was shot and killed during a robbery in a bar where she worked. The owners of the bar, who know the adoptee, became the child's legal guardians and the child lived with them in French Morocco and Israel for several years. The legal guardians then moved to Miami about two and a half years ago, and the adoptee lived with them for another year and a half. At this point, the legal guardians began to have family problems and they made an independent arrangement with the petitioners that the petitioners would take the child into their care. This placement occurred in late August, 1973, and the child has resided with the petitioners ever since.

2. In regard to the suitability of the child as a proper subject for adoption:

According to the birth registration, this child was born Joseph Israel, on June 23, 1956, in Kenitra, Morocco, to Ganta Cohen. No father is listed on the birth certificate. The natural mother was killed during a robbery in 1968, and the natural father's identity and whereabouts are unknown.

The adoptee, to be named Joseph Israel Hoffman, is presently a seventeen year old, white male, who is a senior at North Miami Beach High School. According to the petitioners, the child is receiving straight A's at this time and his present ambition is to eventually be a physician. Physically speaking, the adoptee is a boy of medium height and weight, who has dark brown eyes, a roundish face and black wavy hair. The adoptee is a very gregarious, engaging, self-confident, well-mannered intelligent boy, who was described by the petitioners as also being very honest and trustworthy. He seems to have great affection and respect for both petitioners and is eagerly desirous of being adopted by them. Both he and the petitioners state that the petitioners' two natural children like him and have accepted him as a member of their family. According to his medical report, the adoptee is in good health and states that he has had no major medical problems during his life.

The adoptee states that he had a happy, secure and fulfilling life while he lived with his mother and for the most part, enjoyed living with his legal guardians, although toward the end of his stay with them, they began to have marital and other family problems, which he states made life a bit uneasy for him. The adoptee has a scrap book and other memories from his past which seem to be very meaningful to him.

In accessing the relationship between the petitioners and the adoptee, this representative felt that the petitioners are very proud of this child and are eager to provide whatever type of education the adoptee can utilize in the future, and are very excited over his desire to become a physician at this time. This representative also felt that there is a most sincere love, devotion and admiration between the petitioners and the adoptee.

3. Evaluation and Conclusion of the Division of Family Services:

This is the adoption of a seventeen year old white male by the petitioners who are fifty-one and forty-seven years of age. The child has lived continuously with the petitioners since late August, 1973, and has had his physical, emotional and financial needs well met by them during this period of time. The adoptee's natural mother was killed in 1968, and his natural father's identity and whereabouts are unknown. The petitioners have more than adequate financial resources to care for themselves and the adoptee comfortably. The petitioners are especially desirous of providing the means to further this child's education in the very near future. There appears to be an unusually emotional relationship between the petitioners and the adoptee, a relationship filled with much love and respect. The petitioners' two natural children are aware of the adoption proceedings and are in favor of it. As it is felt that the child's best interests will be served by the granting of the petition, the Division of Family Services recommends that this adoption become final.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of April 1974.

By: _____,
Representative of the Division of Family Services.

Mr. Lehman, the author of this bill, submitted the following letters in support of this legislation:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, D.C., August 8, 1974.

HON. JOSHUA EILBERG,
Chairman, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, and International Law, Committee on the Judiciary, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR JOSH: It has come to my attention that the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, and International Law will take into consideration H.R. 14707 at its meeting this coming Tuesday, August 13, 1974.

The beneficiary of this private legislation, Mr. Joseph Israel Hoffman, is the legally adopted son of Bernard and Rose Hoffman of North Miami Beach, Florida. The Hoffmans have two other children, Mrs. Myra Goldapple, age 27, and Mr. Arnold Hoffman, age 26. Both

of these individuals have their own homes and do not receive financial support from Bernard and Rose Hoffman.

According to information furnished me, Mr. Joseph Israel Hoffman arrived in the United States sometime in June, 1971. He had been residing in Israel for about two years and decided to come to the United States to finish his formal education. He applied for a student visa, and upon receipt of this visa, entered the United States. I do not know just how or when Mr. Israel met the Hoffmans, but he has resided with them since he reached his 15th birthday. The Hoffmans intend to support Joseph until such time as he reaches his career potential. They have advised me that Joseph intends to study medicine when he graduates from college.

Joseph's current student visa is valid until June 3, 1975. He is at present awaiting the renewal of his Israeli passport by the Government of Israel.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman are 50 and 47 years of age, respectively. Mr. Hoffman is a refrigeration and air conditioning contractor in Miami, Florida. They became the legal parents of Joseph on April 17, 1974. It is their desire to aid Joseph in furthering his education and training and to raise him as their own child and heir.

I hope that the foregoing information will be of assistance to the subcommittee in reaching its determination on H.R. 14707.

With my thanks and best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

WILLIAM LEHMAN,
Member of Congress.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, D.C., March 14, 1975.

HON. JOSHUA EILBERG,
Chairman, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, and International Law, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for this opportunity to provide a written statement in support of HR 1408 for the relief Joseph Hoffman.

This legislation culminates over one and a half years of work to have Joseph Hoffman, the legally adopted son of Bernard and Rose Hoffman, classified as a child and be granted immediate relative status.

Absent enactment of this bill, Joey, is chargeable to the nonpreference portion of the numerical limitation under the existing immigration laws.

I extend to the distinguished chairman of the Subcommittee my heartfelt thanks in having the Subcommittee expedite this matter in the early goings of the 94th Congress, and pledge my unequivocal support for this private legislation.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

WILLIAM LEHMAN,
Member of Congress.

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 the facts in this case, the Committee is of the opinion that H.R. 1408 should be enacted and accordingly recommends that the bill do pass.

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JOSEPH HOFFMAN

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. 1408]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 1408) for the relief of Joseph Hoffman, 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 facilitate the adjustment of status as an immediate relative of the adopted child of United States citizens.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is an 18-year-old native of Morocco and dual national of Morocco and Israel. He entered the United States on June 4, 1971, as a student. He was adopted by Bernard Hoffman, aka Ben Hoffman, and his wife Rose Hoffman, U.S. citizens, on April 17, 1974. The beneficiary, who is single, currently resides with his adoptive parents in North Miami Beach, Fla., and attends Miami-Dade Community College.

A letter, with attached memorandum, dated September 27, 1974, to the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives from the Commissioner of Immigration and Natural-

ization, refers to H.R. 14707, 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., September 27, 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. 14707) for relief of Joseph Hoffman, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary.

The bill provides that the eighteen-year-old beneficiary who is the adopted son of United States citizens, may be classified as a child and be granted immediate relative status.

Absent enactment of the bill, the beneficiary, a native of Morocco, is chargeable to the nonpreference portion of the numerical limitation for immigrants and conditional entrants from countries in the Eastern Hemisphere.

Sincerely,

D. F. CHAPMAN, Jr.,
Commissioner.

Enclosure.

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE H.R. 14707

The beneficiary, Joseph Israel Hoffman, was born Joseph Israel on June 23, 1956 in Kenitra, Morocco and is a dual national of Morocco and Israel. His father is unknown and his mother, Gauta Cohen, born on an unknown date in Morocco, was killed during 1968. The beneficiary resided with guardians in Morocco until they migrated to the United States during 1970. He was then sent to a private school in Israel and in Morocco until they migrated to the United States as a foreign student on June 4, 1971. He resumed residence with his guardians in Miami Beach, Florida until October 10, 1973 when guardianship was assumed by the Interested Parties. The beneficiary was legally adopted by the Interested Parties on April 17, 1974 in the Circuit Court of the 11th Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida. He is maintaining status of a foreign student and is attending Miami-Dade Community College as a full-time student. The beneficiary was arrested on June 23, 1973 on a shoplifting charge which was later dismissed as a misunderstanding.

The beneficiary does not qualify for immediate relative status as a child under Section 101(b)(1)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act because he has attained his 14th birthday.

The Interested Parties, Bernard Hoffman, aka Ben Hoffman and Rose Hoffman, are citizens of the United States born in Chicago, Illinois on March 7, 1923 and April 22, 1926, respectively. They reside in North Miami Beach, Florida.

They were married January 20, 1946 and have two children, Arnold Hoffman, born June 30, 1948 and Myra Hoffman Goldapple, born March 10, 1947. Both are self-supporting. Mr. Hoffman is self-employed in Air Conditioning and Refrigeration located in Hallandale, Florida. He lists his assets as near \$200,000. Mrs. Hoffman is not employed. No arrest records were located which relate to either Interested Party.

A copy of the adoption decree is attached.

In the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Dade County, Fla.

NO. 73-30344

IN RE: ADOPTION OF JOSEPH ISRAEL, A MINOR BY BERNARD HOFFMAN, A/K/A BEN HOFFMAN AND ROSE HOFFMAN, HIS WIFE

FINAL JUDGMENT OF ADOPTION

This cause coming on to be heard this 23rd day of January, 1974, on the Petition of Bernard Hoffman a/k/a Ben Hoffman and Rose Hoffman, his wife, for adoption of Joseph Israel, born June 23, 1956, and the Court being fully advised in the premises, it is thereupon,

Ordered and Adjudged, that the Petitioners, Bernard Hoffman a/k/a Ben Hoffman and Rose Hoffman, his wife, are fit and proper persons to adopt the child named in the Petition and that the best interests of the child will be permitted by said adoption, and that further, said child is suitable for adoption by said Petitioners and it is further,

Ordered and Adjudged, that permanent custody of the child, Joseph Israel, by and the same is hereby given to Bernard Hoffman a/k/a Ben Hoffman and Rose Hoffman, his wife, and that said child is given the lawful name of and shall henceforth be known as Joseph Israel Hoffman and that the said child is hereby declared to be the legal child and lawful heir of Bernard Hoffman a/k/a Ben Hoffman and Rose Hoffman, his wife, and that said child shall be subject to all the obligations and to all of the rights and privileges of a child born to the adopting parents in lawful wedlock.

Done and Ordered in Chambers, at Miami, Dade County, Florida, this 17th day of April, 1974.

HAROLD G. FEATHERSTONE,
Circuit Judge.

This Copy is a true Copy of the Original on file in this Office. Witness my hand and Official Seal.

This 17th day of April A.D., 1974.

RICHARD P. BRINKER,
Clerk, Circuit Court.
By NANCY L. GROVE.

In the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida, in and for Dade County

CIVIL ACTION NO. 73-30344

IN RE: ADOPTION OF JOSEPH ISRAEL, A MINOR, BY BERNARD HOFFMAN, A/K/A BEN HOFFMAN AND ROSE HOFFMAN, HIS WIFE

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES DIVISION OF FAMILY SERVICES

Comes now the Division of Family Services and respectfully shows:

I. That in compliance with Section 63.091 Florida Statutes of 1969 as amended, it has made the social investigation of the above adoption and a written statement of the facts found through said investigation is attached hereto, marked Exhibit "A", and expressly made a part hereof.

II. That the Division of Family Services respectfully calls the attention of the Court to the facts:

That the natural father of the minor sought to be adopted is unknown and the natural mother is allegedly deceased.

III. That subject to the Court's determination, in view of the facts set forth above, that necessary steps have been taken to protect the rights of all parties to this proceeding and to assure the legality of this adoption, and in view of the fact that the child has resided in the home of the petitioners under the supervision of the Division of Family Services for a period of ninety (90) days, the Division of Family Services recommends that permanent custody of said minor child, Joseph Israel, be granted to the petitioners, Bernard Hoffman and Rose Hoffman, and that a final decree of adoption be entered.

IV. That as required by law and in order to enable it to comply with its duties herein, the Division of Family Services, Region No. 11 Office, requests that it be given notice of the time and place of any and all hearings on this petition for adoption.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of April 1974.

DIVISION OF FAMILY SERVICES,
By ENID ENDSLEY, *Director*.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR DADE COUNTY

NO.: 73-30344

IN RE: ADOPTION OF JOSEPH ISRAEL, A MINOR, BY BERNARD HOFFMAN, A/K/A BEN HOFFMAN AND ROSE HOFFMAN, HIS WIFE

STATEMENT OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES, DIVISION OF FAMILY SERVICES, EXHIBIT "A"

To the Honorable Judges of the Above Styled Court:

The Division of Family Services respectfully submits the following report on the findings of its social investigation, upon which its recommendations are based:

1. In regard to the suitability of the petitioners as adoptive parents:

The petitioners are Bernard Hoffman, age 51, and Rosebelle Hoffman, nee Hakutin, age 47, who with the adoptee, age seventeen, reside at 1050 N.E. 171st Terrace, North Miami Beach, Florida. The adoptive petitioners reside in a three bedroom, two bath home, located in a moderately populated middle-class residential area in North Miami Beach, Florida. Accommodations and furnishing are adequate and suitable for the petitioners' needs.

The petitioners' first and only marriage took place on January 20, 1946, in Los Angeles, California. This has been verified. The petitioners seem to have a stable, secure and mutually satisfying relationship with one another and attribute the success of their long marriage to mutual interests and goals and consistent hard work on the part of both of them. Parental roles are well defined here and the adoptive father is definitely the head of his household.

The adoptive father has been self-employed for some years as a refrigerator engineer and states that he belongs to Local Union Number 725, which includes plumbers and pipe fitters. His average earnings for 1973 were around \$20,000. He showed this representative however, that his yearly income can vary by as much as \$7,000 or \$8,000 upwards depending on the amount of work he takes in. In addition to income from his job, the adoptive father owns several properties, whose asset market values are in excess of \$165,000, several stocks totaling \$8,084, and savings in the total amount of \$26,549.27. In addition to this, the petitioners have adequate insurance to cover themselves.

The petitioners are parents of two natural children, presently twenty-seven and twenty-six years of age and both live independently. According to the petitioners, these two children are aware of the adoptive plan and are in favor of it.

Regarding the circumstances of placement, the adoptee lived with his natural mother in French Morocco and was supported by her until he was twelve years old. In 1968, when

the adoptee was twelve, his mother was shot and killed during a robbery in a bar where she worked. The owners of the bar, who know the adoptee, became the child's legal guardians and the child lived with them in French Morocco and Israel for several years. The legal guardians then moved to Miami about two and a half years ago, and the adoptee lived with them for another year and a half. At this point, the legal guardians began to have family problems and they made an independent arrangement with the petitioners that the petitioners would take the child into their care. This placement occurred in late August, 1973, and the child has resided with the petitioners ever since.

2. In regard to the suitability of the child as a proper subject for adoption:

According to the birth registration, this child was born Joseph Israel, on June 23, 1956, in Kenitra, Morocco, to Ganta Cohen. No father is listed on the birth certificate. The natural mother was killed during a robbery in 1968, and the natural father's identity and whereabouts are unknown.

The adoptee, to be named Joseph Israel Hoffman, is presently a seventeen year old, white male, who is a senior at North Miami Beach High School. According to the petitioners, the child is receiving straight A's at this time and his present ambition is to eventually be a physician. Physically speaking, the adoptee is a boy of medium height and weight, who has dark brown eyes, a roundish face and black wavy hair. The adoptee is a very gregarious, engaging, self-confident, well-mannered intelligent boy, who was described by the petitioners as also being very honest and trustworthy. He seems to have great affection and respect for both petitioners and is eagerly desirous of being adopted by them. Both he and the petitioners state that the petitioners' two natural children like him and have accepted him as a member of their family. According to his medical report, the adoptee is in good health and states that he has had no major medical problems during his life.

The adoptee states that he had a happy, secure and fulfilling life while he lived with his mother and for the most part, enjoyed living with his legal guardians, although toward the end of his stay with them, they began to have marital and other family problems, which he states made life a bit uneasy for him. The adoptee has a scrap book and other memories from his past which seem to be very meaningful to him.

In assessing the relationship between the petitioners and the adoptee, this representative felt that the petitioners are very proud of this child and are eager to provide whatever type of education the adoptee can utilize in the future, and are very excited over his desire to become a physician at this time. This representative also felt that there is a most sincere love, devotion and admiration between the petitioners and the adoptee.

3. Evaluation and Conclusion of the Division of Family Services

This is the adoption of a seventeen year old white male by the petitioners who are fifty-one and forty-seven years of age. The child has lived continuously with the petitioners since late August, 1973, and has had his physical, emotional and financial needs well met by them during this period of time. The adoptee's natural mother was killed in 1968, and his natural father's identity and whereabouts are unknown. The petitioners have more than adequate financial resources to care for themselves and the adoptee comfortably. The petitioners are especially desirous of providing the means to further this child's education in the very near future. There appears to be an unusually emotional relationship between the petitioners and the adoptee, a relationship filled with much love and respect. The petitioners' two natural children are aware of the adoption proceedings and are in favor of it. As it is felt that the child's best interests will be served by the granting of the petition, the Division of Family Services recommends that this adoption become final.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of April 1974:

By: _____,

Representative of the Division of Family Services.

Congressman William Lehman, the author of the bill, submitted the following information:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, D.C., August 8, 1974.

HON. JOSHUA EILBERG,
Chairman, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, and International Law, Committee on the Judiciary, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR JOSH: It has come to my attention that the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, and International Law will take into consideration H.R. 14707 at its meeting this coming Tuesday, August 13, 1974.

The beneficiary of this private legislation, Mr. Joseph Israel Hoffman, is the legally adopted son of Bernard and Rose Hoffman of North Miami Beach, Florida. The Hoffmans have two other children, Mrs. Myra Goldapple, age 27, and Mr. Arnold Hoffman, age 26. Both of these individuals have their own homes and do not receive financial support from Bernard and Rose Hoffman.

According to information furnished me, Mr. Joseph Israel Hoffman arrived in the United States sometime in June, 1971. He had been residing in Israel for about two years and decided to come to the United States to finish his formal education. He applied for a student visa, and upon receipt of this visa, entered the United States. I do not know just how or when Mr. Israel met the Hoffmans, but he has resided with them since he reached his 15th birthday. The Hoffmans intend to support Joseph until such time as he reaches his career potential. They have advised me that Joseph intends to study medicine when he graduates from college.

Joseph's current student visa is valid until June 3, 1975. He is at present awaiting the renewal of his Israeli passport by the Government of Israel.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman are 50 and 47 years of age, respectively, Mr. Hoffman is a refrigeration and air conditioning contractor in Miami, Florida. They became the legal parents of Joseph on April 17, 1974. It is their desire to aid Joseph in furthering his education and training and raise him as their own child and heir.

I hope that the foregoing information will be of assistance to the subcommittee in reaching its determination on H.R. 14707.

With my thanks and best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

WILLIAM LEHMAN,
Member of Congress.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, D.C., March 14, 1975.

Hon. JOSHUA EILBERG,

Chairman, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, and International Law, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for this opportunity to provide a written statement in support of HR 1408 for the relief of Joseph Hoffman.

This legislation culminates over one and a half years of work to have Joseph Hoffman, the legally adopted son of Bernard and Rose Hoffman, established as a child and be granted immediate relative status.

Absent enactment of this bill, Joey, is chargeable to the nonpreference portion of the numerical limitation under the existing immigration laws.

I extend to the distinguished chairman of the Subcommittee my heartfelt thanks in having the Subcommittee expedite this matter in the early goings of the 94th Congress, and pledge my unequivocating support for this private legislation.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

WILLIAM LEHMAN,
Member of Congress.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H.R. 1408) should be enacted.

Ninety-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 Joseph Hoffman.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in the administration of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Joseph Hoffman may be classified as a child within the meaning of section 101(b)(1)(F) of the Act, upon approval of a petition filed in his behalf by Bernard and Rose Hoffman, citizens of the United States, pursuant to section 204 of the Act: *Provided*, That the natural parents or brothers or sisters of the beneficiary shall not, by virtue of such relationship, be accorded any right, privilege, or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act.*

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

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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 ✓	H.R. 3382 ✓
S. 2003 ✓	H.R. 1510 ✓	H.R. 3526 ✓
H.R. 1387 ✓	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 ✓
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.