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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bills

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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.

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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.

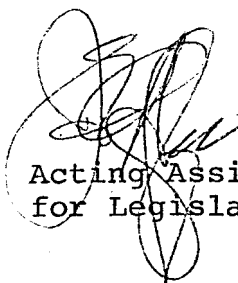
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WASHINGTON

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Last Day: July 9

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FROM: JIM CANNON
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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.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 7-3-75

TO: STAFF Secy.

FROM: Max L. Friedersdorf

For Your Information ✓

Please Handle _____

Please See Me _____

Comments, Please _____

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on H.C. 1510.

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.: 56

Date: July 2,

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

Time: 300pm

SUBJECT:

Relief Bills

H.R. 1387

H.R. 2119

H.R. 1393

H.R. 1408

H.R. 1510

ACTION REQUESTED:

For Necessary Action

For Your Recommendations

Prepare Agenda and Brief

Draft Reply

For Your Comments

Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

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FOR ACTION: Dick Parsons *pk*
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SUBJECT:

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ACTION REQUESTED:

H.R. 211

For Necessary Action

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K. R. COLE, JR.
For the President

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

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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July 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CAVANAUGH
FROM: Jeanne W. Dav *JWD*
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.

To: J. Cummings
7-2-75
5:00 p.m.

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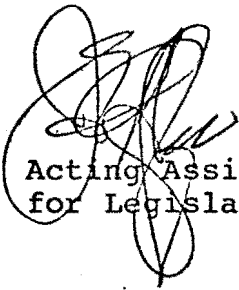
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Acting Assistant Director
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
Washington 25, D.C.

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

JUL 1 1975

AND REFER TO THIS FILE NO.

A18 382 681

TO : OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

SUBJECT: Enrolled Private Bill No. H.R. 1510; Office of Management
and Budget request dated June 27, 1975

Beneficiary or Beneficiaries Steve P. Reese

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 bill H.R. 1510, "For the relief of Steve P. Reese".

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 this bill.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Walentynowicz", written in a cursive style.

Leonard F. Walentynowicz
Administrator
Bureau of Security and
Consular Affairs

Calendar No. 232

94TH CONGRESS }
1st Session

SENATE }

REPORT
No. 94-237

STEVE P. REESE

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. 1510]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 1510) for the relief of Steve P. Reese, 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 provide for the granting of immediate relative status to the adopted son of a citizen of the United States and to facilitate his adjustment of status in the United States, notwithstanding the fact that natives of Western Hemisphere countries are barred from such adjustment.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a 20-year-old native and citizen of Mexico who entered the United States on July 21, 1968, as a student. He was adopted in Nebraska by Mervin J. Reese, Jr., an unmarried U.S. citizen, on January 20, 1973. The beneficiary currently resides with his adoptive father and attends the University of Nebraska in Omaha. He is employed part-time by his adoptive father's photography business. Mr. Reese's future plans include employing the beneficiary as a partner in his business.

A letter, with attached memorandum, dated October 9, 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. 15287, 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 9, 1974.

A-18382681.

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. 15287) for the relief of Steve P. Reese, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary.

The bill provides that the 20-year-old adopted son of a citizen of the United States may be classified as a child and granted immediate relative status upon the approval of the required visa petition filed in his behalf. The bill would also allow the beneficiary to obtain his permanent resident visa in the United States even though he is a native of the Western Hemisphere. It would further provide that the natural parents or brothers or sisters of the beneficiary shall not be accorded any right, privilege, or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act by virtue of such relationship.

Absent enactment of the bill, the beneficiary, a native and citizen of Mexico, would be required to be the recipient of an approved labor certification and to make application for a Special Immigrant Visa outside the United States. Current available information, indicates that applicants with registration dates prior to June 8, 1972, are now being processed.

Sincerely,
[Signature], Commissioner.

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE H.R. 15287

The beneficiary, Steve P. Reese, also known as Esteban Pedro Ocampo-Villalobos, a native and citizen of Mexico, was born on August 3, 1954. His father is deceased and his mother, Maria Villalobos and his six brothers reside in Mexico. All are citizens of Mexico.

He graduated from elementary school in Mexico, and high school in Omaha, Nebr., and is presently in his third year of college at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Nebr., majoring in business administration. His assets consist of savings of approximately \$5,000 and he earns about \$40 per week on part-time employment, assisting his adoptive father with his photography business.

On January 20, 1973, beneficiary was adopted by Mervin J. Reese, Jr., an unmarried U.S. citizen, and plans include making him a partner in his adoptive father's photography

business. A certified copy of the adoption decree is attached. He was sponsored by his adoptive father to come to the United States as a nonimmigrant student and he has resided with him since his original entry on July 21, 1968.

He has applied for and been granted extensions of temporary stay from this Service and his present extension is valid through July 16, 1975. His only departure from the United States were for short visits to Mexico during school vacations to visit his family; the last being January 1973.

Mr. Mervin Reese was born on July 30, 1927. He estimates his yearly income at approximately \$25,000 and assets of stocks, bonds, and home valued at \$175,000. He states he met the beneficiary and an older brother during several visits to Mexico. Mr. Reese also provided financial aid toward education of the beneficiary's older brother in Mexico.

The adoption decree referred to above is contained in the files of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives.

Congressman John McCollister, the author of the bill, submitted the following statement in support of H.R. 1510:

CASE: STEVE P. REESE

I appreciate the opportunity to submit a statement in support of my private bill, H.R. 1510, for the relief of Steve P. Reese.

Ten years ago, while visiting Mexico, Mervin Reese, of Omaha, Nebr., first met Esteban Pedro Ocampo Villalobos. Esteban was 10 years old at the time, and he and his brothers were selling candy in the town square in Taxco, Mexico. Mr. Reese asked the brothers to pose for a picture, and began to talk with them in Spanish, which he was just learning. For the next 2 years, Bud Reese would see Esteban and his brothers in the town square when he was taking groups of Boy Scouts to Mexico to study Spanish. During these two years, through correspondence and regular visits by Mr. Reese to Mexico, Esteban and Bud Reese developed a close friendship and a strong devotion to one another.

In 1966, Esteban's father died leaving the family in a critical financial situation. Esteban's mother was working doing housework and taking in ironing. Keeping food on the table was her prime concern; however, it was difficult to do. During this period, Esteban wrote Mr. Reese asking his advice on whether or not Jose, his older brother, should quit school to seek work in order to help his mother support her family of seven sons. Jose had aspirations of becoming a doctor. He was an A-student and had the qualifications to enter pre-med. Therefore, Mr. Reese encouraged Jose to stay in school with the promise that somehow he would help.

At this time, Mr. Reese invited Esteban to come to Omaha. Esteban was interested in learning English and studying business. Mr. Reese thought he could best help the entire family if he could have Esteban return to Omaha with him

to learn English and earn money to send home to help the family. This help would allow Jose to stay in school, and not interrupt his pre-med studies which are significant in Mexico at the high school level.

On July 23, 1968, Esteban came to Omaha to live with Mr. Reese and Mr. Reese's mother. He attended Valley View Junior High School as a freshman. During Esteban's first year in Omaha, a father-son relationship developed, and Mr. Reese began adoption proceedings. Esteban continued his education and graduated from Westside High School. He is now attending the University of Nebraska in Omaha and is majoring in business administration. He is a B-student and speaks English perfectly without a trace of an accent. He has also become a skilled photographer through the guidance of Mr. Reese who is the owner of Mervin Reese Photography Studio in Omaha.

On January 20, 1973, the adoption proceedings were finalized and Esteban's name was changed to Steve P. Reese. Therefore, as a result of Mr. Reese's initial plan, and after 6 years of observing the results, the directions Bud Reese took have proved beneficial to everyone. Steve's brother, Jose, was allowed to finish medical school and has graduated from the University of Mexico. Steve will graduate from college shortly and has chosen photography as a career.

Mr. Mervin Reese has demonstrated a deep and sincere interest in the development of youth through his work in the Boy Scouts, leading student groups on tour in Mexico and many other civic activities. His adopted son, Steve, has benefited greatly from his generosity and has managed to help his mother feed and care for her family which would have otherwise been doomed to poverty. I have known Mervin Reese for 20 years. He has an enviable reputation in our community.

I, therefore, believe my private bill, H.R. 1510, is worthy of the committee's favorable consideration—a bill which would classify Steve as a "child" within the meaning of Section 101(b)(1)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, so that he may acquire a permanent residence status and consequently become a naturalized citizen.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H.R. 1510) should be enacted.

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STEVE P. REESE

APRIL 8, 1975.—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 H.R. 1510]

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PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of this bill is to facilitate the adjustment of status to permanent residence in the case of the adopted son of a citizen of the United States.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The beneficiary of this bill is a 20-year-old native and citizen of Mexico who was admitted to the United States as a student in 1968 and has resided with his adoptive father since that time and was formally adopted in Nebraska in 1973. Adoptive father first met the beneficiary and his brother while visiting Mexico. After the death of their father he assisted the older brother with his education in Mexico and that brother has now graduated from medical school there. The beneficiary completed high school in the United States and is now attending the University of Nebraska, majoring in business administration.

The pertinent facts in this case are contained in a letter dated October 9, 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:

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DECREE OF ADOPTION

In the County Court of Douglas County, Nebr.

In the Matter of the Adoption of Steve P. Reese, minor.

This cause came on to be heard on January 20th, 1973, on the petition of Mervin J. Reese, a single man, for the adoption of Steve P. Reese, a minor born at Taxco de Alarcon, Estado de Guerrero, Mexico; on August 3, 1954, said petitioner and child being present in person, and the evidence; on consideration whereof the court finds:

1. That the allegations of the petition are true.
2. That the petitioner is a resident of Douglas County, Nebraska.
3. That notice of this hearing has been given as provided by law and the order of this Court.
4. That said minor is the son of Delia Villalobos, who consents to the petitioner becoming the adoptive father of said minor.
5. That all consents or substitute consents required by law have been properly executed and filed herein.
6. That said minor has resided with the petitioner for at least six months next preceding this date.
7. That it is for the best interests of said minor that a decree of adoption be entered herein.
8. That the name of said minor should be changed as prayed for in the petition filed herein. (changed to Steve P. Reese)

It is, therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed that said minor be and is fully and legally adopted by the said petitioner and said minor shall hereafter sustain toward each other the usual relationship between parent and child; provided that the relationship between said minor and the natural father of said child and spouse of the petitioner shall remain unchanged; that said minor shall hereafter be known by and bear the name of Steve P. Reese.

This is to certify that this is a true and exact copy of the original degree of Adoption as shown in Book 11 Page 847 of the Records of Douglas County, Nebraska.

By the court,

SAMUEL V. COOPER,
County Judge.
DON L. BURKS, *Notary.*

Commission expires: August 31, 1977.

Mr. McCollister submitted the following statement in support of his bill:

CASE: STEVE P. REESE

I appreciate the opportunity to submit a statement in support of my private bill, H.R. 1510, for the relief of Steve P. Reese.

Ten years ago, while visiting Mexico, Mervin Reese, of Omaha, Nebr., first met Esteban Pedro Ocampo Vallalobos. Esteban was 10 years old at the time, and he and his brothers were selling candy in the town square in Taxco, Mexico. Mr. Reese asked the brothers to pose for a picture, and began to talk with them in Spanish, which he was just learning. For the next 2 years, Bud Reese would see Esteban and his brothers in the town square when he was taking groups of Boy Scouts to Mexico to study Spanish. During these two years, through correspondence and regular visits by Mr. Reese to Mexico, Esteban and Bud Reese developed a close friendship and a strong devotion to one another.

In 1966, Esteban's father died leaving the family in a critical financial situation. Esteban's mother was working doing housework and taking in ironing. Keeping food on the table was her prime concern; however, it was difficult to do. During this period, Esteban wrote Mr. Reese asking his advice on whether or not Jose, his older brother, should quit school to seek work in order to help his mother support her family of seven sons. Jose had aspirations of becoming a doctor. He was an A-student and had the qualifications to enter pre-med. Therefore, Mr. Reese encouraged Jose to stay in school with the promise that somehow he would help.

At this time, Mr. Reese invited Esteban to come to Omaha. Esteban was interested in learning English and studying business. Mr. Reese thought he could best help the entire family if he could have Esteban return to Omaha with him to learn English and earn money to send home to help the family. This help would allow Jose to stay in school, and not interrupt his pre-med studies which are significant in Mexico at the high school level.

On July 23, 1968, Esteban came to Omaha to live with Mr. Reese and Mr. Reese's mother. He attended Valley View Junior High School as a freshman. During Esteban's first year in Omaha, a father-son relationship developed, and Mr. Reese began adoption proceedings. Esteban continued his edu-

cation and graduated from Westside High School. He is now attending the University of Nebraska in Omaha and is majoring in business administration. He is a B-student and speaks English perfectly without a trace of an accent. He has also become a skilled photographer through the guidance of Mr. Reese who is the owner of Mervin Reese Photography Studio in Omaha.

On January 20, 1973, the adoption proceedings were finalized and Esteban's name was changed to Steve P. Reese. Therefore, as a result of Mr. Reese's initial plan, and after 6 years of observing the results, the directions Bud Reese took have proved beneficial to everyone. Steve's brother, Jose, was allowed to finish medical school and has graduated from the University of Mexico. Steve will graduate from college shortly and has chosen photography as a career.

Mr. Mervin Reese has demonstrated a deep and sincere interest in the development of youth through his work in the Boy Scouts, leading student groups on tour in Mexico and many other civic activities. His adopted son, Steve, has benefited greatly from his generosity and has managed to help his mother feed and care for her family which would have otherwise been doomed to poverty. I have known Mervin Reese for 20 years. He has an enviable reputation in our community.

I, therefore, believe my private bill, H.R. 1510, is worthy of the committee's favorable consideration—a bill which would classify Steve as a "child" within the meaning of Section 101(b)(1)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, so that he may acquire a permanent residence status and consequently become a naturalized citizen.

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. 1510 should be enacted and accordingly recommends that the bill do pass.



H. R. 1510

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 Steve P. Reese.

*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, Steve P. Reese 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 Mervin J. Reese, citizen of the United States, pursuant to section 204 of the Act and the provisions of section 245(c) shall be inapplicable in this case: *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.