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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
August 13, 1976

ACTION

Last Day: August 21

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JIM CANNON *Jm*

SUBJECT: H.R. 1507 - Relief of Marisa Marzano
H.R. 2411 - Relief of Alinor Anvari Adams
H.R. 2502 - Relief of Peter Olav Mesikepp
H.R. 6392 - Relief of Koviljka C. Clendenen
H.R. 7908 - Relief of Edward Drag
H.R. 5500 - Relief of Rafael Strochlitz Wurzel
H.R. 5648 - Relief of Violetta Cebberos
H.R. 3372 - Relief of Tze Tsun Li
H.R. 2940 - Relief of Maria Sylvia Macias Elliott
H.R. 2495 - Relief of Malgorzata Kuzniarek Czapowski
→ H.R. 2118 - Relief of Cheryl V. Camacho
H.R. 7882 - Relief of Miss Leonor Young

Attached for your consideration are twelve enrolled bills all with the common purpose of granting immediate relative status to aliens who have been or are in the process of being adopted by United States citizens. All of the beneficiaries are over the age of 14, and do not qualify for exception to the immigration waiting list.

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

OMB, NSC, Max Friedersdorf, Counsel's Office (Lazarus) and I recommend approval of the enrolled bill.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the enrolled bills at Tabs B through M.



AUG 12 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bills

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Sponsor - Rep. Danielson (D) California
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Sponsor - Rep. Burke (D) Massachusetts
- (11) H.R. 2118 - Relief of Cheryl V. Camacho
Sponsor - Rep. Talcott (R) California
- (12) H.R. 7882 - Relief of Miss Leonor Young
Sponsor - Rep. Meyner (D) New Jersey

Last Day for Action

August 21, 1976 - Saturday

Purpose

To grant immediate relative status to aliens who have been or are in the process of being adopted by United States citizens.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget

Approval

Immigration and Naturalization Service
Department of StateApproval (Informally)
No objectionDiscussion

These 12 enrolled bills would define their beneficiaries as "children" under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) and grant them immediate relative status upon approval of a petition filed by their adopted or prospective adopting parents, all of whom are U.S. citizens. The bills also provide that the natural parents or siblings shall not be accorded any right, privilege or status under the INA by virtue of their relationship to the beneficiaries.

The INA provides an exception to the immigration waiting list for children adopted by U.S. citizens who are 14 years of age or younger. Because the beneficiaries of these bills are over 14, they do not qualify for this exemption. Accordingly, absent enactment of these bills, those beneficiaries now living outside the U.S. would have to remain on the regular immigration waiting list (with consequent uncertainty as to when they would be admitted); those beneficiaries now in the U.S. would have to leave and begin the process of returning to the U.S. under the regular immigration procedures.

James M. Frey
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosures

AUG 12 1976

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(Signed) James M. Frey

Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosures



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

AUG 11 1976

Dear Mr. Lynn:

Reference is made to Mr. Frey's communication of August 9, 1976, transmitting for comment enrolled bills, H.R. 1425, "For the relief of Juliet Elizabeth Tozzi", H.R. 2118, "For the relief of Cheryl Lynn V. Camacho", and H.R. 2278, "For the relief of Mrs. Mary Saxton (Mary Nuku)".

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kempton B. Jenkins".

Kempton B. Jenkins
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

The Honorable
James T. Lynn
Director,
Office of Management
and Budget.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO

Washington 25, D.C.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

13 AUG 1976

AND REFER TO THIS FILE NO.

A20 454 015

TO : OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

SUBJECT: Enrolled Private Bill No. H.R. 2118; Office of Management
and Budget request dated August 9, 1976

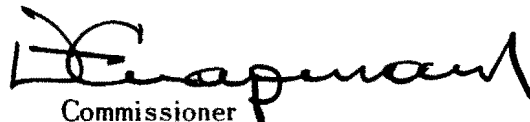
Beneficiary or Beneficiaries Cheryl Lynn V. Camacho.

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

CHERYL LYNN V. CAMACHO

JULY 25, 1975.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed

MR. FREE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following.

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 2118]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 2118) for the relief of Cheryl Lynn V. Camacho, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

On page 1, lines 8 and 9 strike out the following language:

“ and the provisions of section 245(e) of the Act shall be inapplicable in this case”.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of this bill, as amended, is to facilitate the admission into the United States of the prospective adoptive daughter of citizens of the United States. The bill has been amended to delete language which is unnecessary for the purpose of this legislation.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The beneficiary of this bill is a 19-year-old native and citizen of the Philippines who is an orphan. She is coming to the United States for adoption by her aunt and uncle, citizens of the United States, who have adopted the beneficiary's younger brother and sister after their admission to the United States for permanent residence.

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.

A20 454 015.

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. 15900) for the relief of Cheryl Lynn V. Camacho, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary.

The bill provides that the beneficiary shall be classified as a child and granted immediate relative status upon filing of a petition in her behalf by Mr. and Mrs. Gregorio Aquino, citizens of the United States. The bill further provides 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.

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

Sincerely,

L. F. CHAPMAN, JR.,
Commissioner.

Enclosure.

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE H.R. 15900

Information concerning this case was obtained from Mr. and Mrs. Gregorio Aquino, the interested parties.

The beneficiary, Cheryl Lynn V. Camacho, a native and citizen of the Philippines, was born August 22, 1955. She is single and resides in Quezon City, Philippines with an uncle and aunt. Her parents are deceased. Her brother and sister have been admitted to the United States as permanent residents, were adopted by, and are living with the interested parties.

Mr. Gregorio Aquino was born in Narvacan, Ilocos Sur, Philippines; on December 24, 1903. He served in the United States Army from August 2, 1942, until October 7, 1944. He entered the United States as a lawful permanent resident on April 14, 1954, and became a United States citizen through naturalization on October 8, 1957. He is employed as an insurance salesman and earns about \$2,000 per year. He and his wife were married May 14, 1955. Their assets include a residence in Salinas, California valued at \$35,500, in which they have an equity of \$17,000, and savings in excess

of \$12,500. Mr. Aquino's widowed mother resides in the Philippines.

Mrs. Aquino was born February 9, 1918, in Agoo, La Union, Philippines. She was admitted to the United States as a lawful permanent resident on September 6, 1958, and, on July 14, 1964, became a United States citizen through naturalization. She was employed as a nurse from May 1963 until May 1970 and is presently receiving \$203 monthly in Social Security benefits. Her parents are deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregorio Aquino stated that they wished to adopt the beneficiary because she is an orphan and her brother and sister, whom they have already adopted, need her love, advice and companionship. They further stated that it is their intention to raise and educate the beneficiary with her brother and sister as their own and make them their heirs.

The following report on this bill was submitted to the committee by the Department of State:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D.C., October 22, 1974.

HON. PETER W. RODINO, JR.,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Reference is made to your request for a report concerning the case of Cheryl Lynn V. Camacho, beneficiary of H.R. 15900, 93rd Congress.

The bill would provide for the beneficiary's classification as a child and for granting of immediate relative status upon approval of a petition filed by Mr. and Mrs. Gregorio Aquino, American citizens. It also provides that the natural parents, 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.

The American Embassy at Seoul, Korea has reported that the beneficiary was born on August 22, 1955 in the Philippines. Both of her parents are deceased. She resides with her aunt at Quezon City. Her brother and sister have already been adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Aquino and reside with them in this country. The beneficiary has not been legally adopted. She is in her second year of college.

The beneficiary is not registered for immigration. Absent the enactment of H.R. 15900 she would be chargeable to the nonpreference category of the limitation for the Philippines under which numbers are not available.

The beneficiary's recent medical examination disclosed no disease, defect or disability.

Cordially,

LINWOOD HOLTON,
Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations.

Mr. Talcott submitted the following statement and letters in support of his bill:

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I have introduced a bill, H.R. 2118, on behalf of Cheryl Lynn V. Camacho, who is presently in the Philippines. The parents of Cheryl and her brother and sister are deceased. This brother

and sister were adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Gregorio Aquino in January, 1970, following the death of their parents in December, 1969. Since Cheryl was then 14 years, 4 months old, she did not meet the classification of a "child" within the meaning of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

The planned adoption by Mr. and Mrs. Aquino has been approved by the Adoptions Services Section, California State Department of Health, Berkeley, California.

I have introduced this bill so that Cheryl may be permitted to join her brother and sister, still minor children, and reunite the surviving members of this family.

I know the Members of the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship and International Law have compassion for the children of this home that was broken up by the death of the parents, and I hope that favorable action will be taken on this bill.

Thank you.

BURT L. TALCOTT,
U.S. Congressman.

SALINAS, CALIF., October 29, 1973.

HON. BURT L. TALCOTT,
U.S. Congressman,
Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

MY DEAR MR. TALCOTT: Thank you for your letter, dated October 28, 1973.

Yes, we are happy to adopt our niece, Cheryl Lynn V. Camacho. Please keep us informed what we must do for her coming here.

Name: Cheryl Lynn V. Camacho.

Date of Birth: August 22, 1955.

Place of Birth: Malaybalay, Bukidnon, Philippines.

Present Address: 46 Santol Street, Quezon City, Philippines.

U.S. Embassy: Manila, Philippines.

Thanking you for your kind attention, I am

Sincerely yours,

GREGORIO C. AQUINO, Jr.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA—HEALTH AND WELFARE AGENCY.

ADOPTIONS SERVICES SECTION,

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

Berkeley, Calif., June 25, 1974.

Re Mr. and Mrs. Gregorio Aquino, 787 Inglewood Street, Salinas, Calif. 93901. Child: Cheryl Lynn V. Camacho. Date of Birth: August 22, 1955. Place of Birth: Philippines. Present location: 46 Santol Street, Quezon City, Philippines. ICA 10,388.

BURT L. TALCOTT,
U.S. Congressman,

Post Office Building, Salinas, Calif.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN TALCOTT: We understand that you plan to introduce a private bill on behalf of Miss Cheryl Lynn Camacho, so that she may emigrate to the United States and be adopted by her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Gregorio Aquino, who have already adopted her brother and sister, Lyndon and Estrellita.

We have now completed our study of this proposed adoptive placement and recommend that the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aquino of Salinas be approved for the placement of Cheryl Lynn Camacho.

Our study has included interviews with Mr. and Mrs. Aquino, both separately and together, medical reports obtained on the family, reports from references, and reports from the children's teachers.

Through this study we are satisfied that Mr. and Mrs. Aquino are good adoptive parents who are able and willing to provide a good home for Cheryl, as they have for her sister and brother.

The Aquinos definitely plan to adopt Cheryl.

If we can be of any further assistance at this time in regard to this proposed plan of adoption, please let us know.

We look forward to hearing from you in regard to your introduction of the private Bill and any action taken on it.

Sincerely yours,

MRS. BETTY R. OFSEVIT,
Adoptions Worker.

SALINAS, CALIF., June 28, 1973.

HON. BURT L. TALCOTT,
Longworth House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

MY DEAR MR. TALCOTT: I'm writing you in connection with my niece, Cheryl V. Camacho, who was left behind in the Philippines by her brother and sister who are now with us by adoption through the State of California Social Welfare with the help of the International Social Service in New York and the Philippine National Red Cross.

The Camacho children were orphaned by both father and mother in December, 1969. They are the children of Mrs. Aquino's youngest brother.

In January 9, 1970 we applied for adoption of Lyndon Camacho who was then 18 years, four months old and Strellita whom I have introduced you at the United Methodist Church social hall was 10 years old then. Cheryl was 14 years, four months old.

Miss Barbara Drury, adoptions case worker of the State of California, Department of Social Welfare, suggested then that I should write to you regarding our request of Cheryl joining her sister and brother here.

According to Miss Drury, the only possible way for our niece to come here is through legislation.

Mrs. Aquino and I would appreciate very much if you could do this for us.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely yours,

GREGORIO C. AQUINO, Jr.

SALINAS, CALIF., July 14, 1973.

HON. BURT L. TALCOTT,
Longworth House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

MY DEAR MR. TALCOTT: Thank you for your letter of July 9, 1973. Cheryl Camacho was not included in the adoption of Lyndon and Estrellita because she was already 14 years and 4 month then and ac-

According to the Social Worker we have to ask you about this for a special Legislation if you could help us bring the children together here in the State in as much as they are orphaned.

Cheryl is now alone in the Philippines living with her uncle, brother of her late mother.

Sincerely yours,

GREGORIO C. AQUINO, Jr.

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.

Upon consideration of all the facts in this case, the committee is of the opinion that H.R. 2118, as amended, should be enacted and accordingly recommends that the bill do pass.

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Calendar No. 1023

94TH CONGRESS }
2d Session }

SENATE

REPORT
No. 94-1089

CHERYL LYNN V. CAMACHO

August 4, 1976.—Ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 2118]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 2118) for the relief of Cheryl Lynn V. Camacho, 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 admission into the United States as an immediate relative of the prospective adoptive daughter of citizens of the United States.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a 20-year-old native and citizen of the Philippines who is an orphan. She is coming to the United States for adoption by her aunt and uncle, citizens of the United States, who have adopted the beneficiary's younger brother and sister after their admission to the United States for permanent residence.

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, House of Representatives, regarding a bill 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.

A20 454 015.

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. 15900) for the relief of Cheryl Lynn V. Camacho, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary.

The bill provides that the beneficiary shall be classified as a child and granted immediate relative status upon filing of a petition in her behalf by Mr. and Mrs. Gregorio Aquino, citizens of the United States. The bill further provides 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.

Absent enactment of the bill, the beneficiary, a native of the Philippines, would be chargeable to the nonpreference portion of the numerical limitation for immigrants and confidential entrants from countries in the Eastern Hemisphere.

Sincerely,

L. F. CHAPMAN, JR.,
Commissioner.

Enclosure.

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NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE H.R. 15900

Information concerning this case was obtained from Mr. and Mrs. Gregorio Acquino, the interested parties.

The beneficiary, Cheryl Lynn V. Camacho, a native and citizen of the Philippines, was born August 22, 1955. She is single and resides in Quezon City, Philippines with an uncle and aunt. Her parents are deceased. Her brother and sister have been admitted to the United States as permanent residents, were adopted by, and are living with the interested parties.

Mr. Gregorio Aquino was born in Narvacan, Ilocos Sur, Philippines, on December 24, 1903. He served in the United States Army from August 2, 1942, until October 7, 1944. He entered the United States as a lawful permanent resident on April 14, 1954, and became a United States citizen through naturalization on October 8, 1957. He is employed as an insurance salesman and earns about \$2,000 per year. He and his wife were married, May 14, 1955. Their assets include a residence in Salinas, California valued at \$35,500, in which they have an equity of \$17,000, and savings in excess of \$12,500. Mr. Mr. Aquino's widowed mother resides in the Philippines.

Mrs. Aquino was born February 9, 1918, in Agoo, La Union, Philippines. She was admitted to the United States as a law-

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ful permanent resident on September 6, 1958, and, on July 14, 1964, became a United States citizen through naturalization. She was employed as a nurse from May 1963 until May 1970 and is presently receiving \$203 monthly in Social Security benefits. Her parents are deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregorio Aquino stated that they wished to adopt the beneficiary because she is an orphan and her brother and sister, whom they have already adopted, need her love, advice and companionship. They further stated that it is their intention to raise and educate the beneficiary with her brother and sister as their own and make them their heirs.

A letter dated October 22, 1974 to the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives, from the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations, U.S. Department of State, with reference to the case reads as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D.C., October 22, 1974.

HON. PETER W. RODINO, JR.,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Reference is made to your request for a report concerning the case of Cheryl Lynn V. Camacho, beneficiary of H.R. 15900, 93rd Congress.

The bill would provide for the beneficiary's classification as a child and for granting of immediate relative status upon approval of a petition filed by Mr. and Mrs. Gregorio Aquino, American citizens. It also provides that the natural parents, 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.

The American Embassy at Seoul, Korea has reported that the beneficiary was born on August 22, 1955 in the Philippines. Both of her parents are deceased. She resides with her aunt at Quezon City. Her brother and sister have already been adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Aquino and reside with them in this country. The beneficiary has not been legally adopted. She is in her second year of college.

The beneficiary is not registered for immigration. Absent the enactment of H.R. 15900 she would be chargeable to the nonpreference category of the limitation for the Philippines under which numbers are not available.

The beneficiary's recent medical examination disclosed no disease, defect or disability.

Cordially,

LINWOOD HOLTON,
Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations.

Congressman Burt L. Talcott, the author of the bill, has submitted the following information in support of his bill:

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I have introduced a bill, H.R. 2118, on behalf of Cheryl Lynn V. Camacho, who is presently in the Philippines. The parents of Cheryl and her brother and sister are deceased. This brother and sister were adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Gregorio Aquino in January, 1970, following the death of their parents in December, 1969. Since

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Cheryl was then 14 years, 4 months old, she did not meet the classification of a "child" within the meaning of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

The planned adoption by Mr. and Mrs. Aquino has been approved by the Adoptions Services Section, California State Department of Health, Berkeley, California.

I have introduced this bill so that Cheryl may be permitted to join her brother and sister, still minor children, and reunite the surviving members of this family.

I know the Members of the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship and International Law have compassion for the children of this home that was broken up by the death of the parents, and I hope that favorable action will be taken on this bill.

Thank you.

BURT L. TALCOTT,
U.S. Congressman.

SALINAS, CALIF., October 29, 1973.

HON. BURT L. TALCOTT,
U.S. Congressman,
Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

MY DEAR MR. TALCOTT: Thank you for your letter, dated October 23, 1973.

Yes, we are happy to adopt our niece, Cheryl Lynn V. Camacho. Please keep us informed what we must do for her coming here.

Name: Cheryl Lynn V. Camacho.

Date of Birth: August 22, 1955.

Place of Birth: Malaybalay, Bukidnon, Philippines.

Present Address: 46 Santol Street, Quezon City, Philippines.

U.S. Embassy: Manila, Philippines.

Thanking you for your kind attention, I am

Sincerely yours,

GREGORIO C. AQUINO, Jr.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA—
HEALTH AND WELFARE AGENCY,
ADOPTIONS SERVICES SECTION,
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
Berkeley, Calif., June 25, 1974.

Re Mr. and Mrs. Gregorio Aquino, 737 Inglewood Street, Salinas, Calif. 93901. Child: Cheryl Lynn V. Camacho. Date of Birth: August 22, 1955. Place of Birth: Philippines. Present location: 46 Santol Street, Quezon City, Philippines. ICA 10,568.

BURT L. TALCOTT,
U.S. Congressman,
Post Office Building, Salinas, Calif.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN TALCOTT: We understand that you plan to introduce a private bill on behalf of Miss Cheryl Lynn Camacho, so that she may emigrate to the United States and be adopted by her aunt and

uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Gregorio Aquino, who have already adopted her brother and sister, Lyndon and Estrellita.

We have now completed our study of this proposed adoptive placement and recommend that the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aquino of Salinas be approved for the placement of Cheryl Lynn Camacho.

Our study has included interviews with Mr. and Mrs. Aquino, both separately and together, medical reports obtained on the family, reports from references, and reports from the childrens' teachers.

Through this study we are satisfied that Mr. and Mrs. Aquino are good adoptive parents who are able and willing to provide a good home for Cheryl, as they have for her sister and brother.

The Aquinos definitely plan to adopt Cheryl.

If we can be of any further assistance at this time in regard to this proposed plan of adoption, please let us know.

We look forward to hearing from you in regard to your introduction of the private Bill and any action taken on it.

Sincerely yours,

MRS. BETTY R. OFSEVIT,
Adoptions Worker.

SALINAS, CALIF., June 28, 1973.

HON. BURT L. TALCOTT,
Longworth House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

MY DEAR MR. TALCOTT: I'm writing you in connection with my niece, Cheryl V. Camacho, who was left behind in the Philippines by her brother and sister who are now with us by adoption through the State of California Social welfare with the help of the International Social Service in New York and the Philippine National Red Cross.

The Camacho children were orphaned by both father and mother in December, 1969. They are the children of Mrs. Aquino's youngest brother.

In January 9, 1970 we applied for adoption of Lyndon Camacho who was then 13 years, four months old and Strellita whom I have introduced you at the United Methodist Church social hall was 10 years old then. Cheryl was 14 years, four months old.

Miss Barbara Drury, adoptions case worker of the State of California, Department of Social Welfare, suggested then that I should write to you regarding our request of Cheryl joining her sister and brother here.

According to Miss Drury, the only possible way for our niece to come here is through legislation.

Mrs. Aquino and I would appreciate very much if you could do this for us.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely yours,

GREGORIO C. AQUINO, Jr.

SALINAS, CALIF., July 14, 1973.

HON. BURT L. TALCOTT,
Longworth House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

MY DEAR MR. TALCOTT: Thank you for your letter of July 9, 1973.

Cheryl Camacho was not included in the adoption of Lyndon and Estrellita because she was already 14 years and 4 months then and according to the Social Worker we have to ask you about this for a special Legislation if you could help us bring the children together here in the State in as much as they are orphaned.

Cheryl is now alone in the Philippines living with her uncle, brother of her late mother.

Sincerely yours,

GREGORIO C. AQUINO, Jr.

The following letter dated July 9, 1976 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 9, 1976.

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

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This refers to H.R. 2118 in behalf of Cheryl Lynn V. Camacho. The bill passed the House of Representatives on October 7, 1975, and is now before your Committee.

The interested parties, Mr. and Mrs. Gregorio Aquino, currently have a combined annual income of approximately \$8,950, which is derived from their Social Security and his Veterans' Administration benefits and from the salary and commission earned by Mr. Aquino as an insurance salesman and in the preparation of income tax returns. Their assets include a home, currently valued at \$45,000, in which they have an equity of \$26,500, and savings in excess of \$15,500. Their adopted son, the beneficiary's brother, is a full-time restaurant employee, earning in excess of \$8,000 annually; therefore, he is not dependent upon the interested parties for his support.

Sincerely,

L. F. CHAPMAN, Jr.,
Commissioner.

The Committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H.R. 2118) should be enacted.



Ninety-fourth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the nineteenth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six*

An Act

For the relief of Cheryl Lynn V. Camacho.

*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, Cheryl Lynn V. Camacho shall be classified as a child within the meaning of section 101(b)(1)(F) of the Act, upon filing a petition in her behalf by Mr. and Mrs. Gregorio Aquino, 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.*