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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
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ACTION
Last Day: August 21

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JIM CANNON *JC*

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- SUBJECT:
- H.R. 1507 - Relief of Marisa Marzano
 - ✓ H.R. 2411 - Relief of Alinor Anvari Adams
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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.



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

AUG 12 1976

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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 State

Approval
No objection

Discussion

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James M. Frey
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosures

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

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

11 AUG 1976

AND REFER TO THIS FILE NO.

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TO : OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

SUBJECT: Enrolled Private Bill No. H.R. 2411; Office of Management
and Budget request dated August 9, 1976.

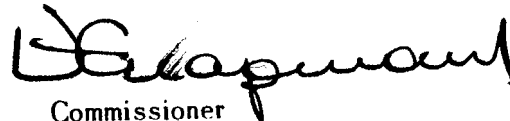
Beneficiary or Beneficiaries Alinor Anvari Adams.

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

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. 2411, "For the relief of Alinor Anvari Adams", H.R. 2495, "For the relief of Malgorzata Kuzniarek Czapowski", and H.R. 2502, "For the relief of Peter Olav Mesikepp".

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

Sincerely yours,

Kempton B. Jenkins
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

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

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
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Department of StateApproval (Informally)
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(Signed) James M. Frey

Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosures

ALINOR ANVARI ADAMS

MARCH 16, 1976.—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. 2411]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 2411), for the relief of Alinor Anvari Adams, 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 (c) of the Act shall be inapplicable in this case”.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of this bill, as amended, is to facilitate the adjustment of status of the adopted child of citizens of the United States. The bill has been amended to delete the unnecessary language.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The beneficiary of this bill is a 20-year-old native and citizen of Iran who entered the United States as a visitor in 1968 and changed her status to that of a student. She resides in California with her adoptive parents and is attending college. Adoption proceedings were commenced in California in 1968 but were not finalized until January 30, 1970, a few weeks after the beneficiary had reached her fourteenth birthday.

The pertinent facts in this case are contained in a letter dated January 20, 1976 from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization to the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary. That letter, accompanying memorandum and enclosure read as follows:



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,
Washington, D.C. January 20, 1976.

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. 2411) for the relief of Alinor Anvari Adams, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary.

The bill provides that the 19-year-old adopted daughter of Manasseh L. Adams and Shakar Adams may be classified as a child and be granted immediate relative status. 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.

The Committee may wish to delete that portion of the bill referring to Section 245(c) of the Act, since the beneficiary is not a native of the Western Hemisphere.

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

Sincerely,

LEONARD F. CHAPMAN,
Commissioner.

Enclosure.

The beneficiary, Alinor Anvari Adams, who was formerly known as Alinor Tootoonchi Anvari, a native and citizen of Iran, was born on December 23, 1955. She was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Manasseh Adams in the Superior Court, State of California, County of San Joaquin on January 30, 1970. A copy of the adoption decree is attached. The beneficiary is the granddaughter of Mrs. Adams. She resides with her adoptive parents in Turlock, California and is attending college. She is not employed and has no assets. Her older brother is a nonimmigrant student in the United States while her natural parents reside in Iran.

The beneficiary entered the United States as a temporary visitor for pleasure on July 26, 1968, and her status was changed to that of a student on October 16, 1968. She was granted subsequent extensions of stay to July 29, 1974. Deportation proceedings will be instituted against the beneficiary on the ground that she has remained in the United States for a longer period than authorized.

Mr. Manasseh Adams, the adoptive father, was born on May 25, 1904 in Canada and has resided in the United States since 1911. Mrs. Shakar M. Adams, the adoptive mother, was born on August 15, 1906 in Iran and has resided in the United States since 1963. They both acquired United States citizenship through naturalization. They were married on May 2, 1964 at Carson City, Nevada. The interested parties own their home valued at \$25,000 in Turlock, California. Mr. Adams is re-

tired from the United States Postal Service and receives \$200 a month pension plus social security retirement payments of \$137 a month. Mrs. Adams gives practical nursing care to an elderly relative for which she is paid \$400 a month. The Department of Social Welfare, State of California indicates that Mr. and Mrs. Adams are financially able to care for the beneficiary. The beneficiary's brother resides with the beneficiary and her adoptive parents. He is supported by his natural father.

The interested parties state that they adopted the beneficiary because she is the natural granddaughter of Mrs. Adams and because they desire to provide the beneficiary with a good education and all the benefits that she would receive through residing in the United States.

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN

No. 97897

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION
FOR ADOPTION BY—

MANASSEH L. ADAMS AND SHAKAR ADAMS

DECREE OF ADOPTION

The petition of Manasseh L. Adams and Shakar Adams for an order of this Court decreeing that henceforth Alinor Anvari, a minor, shall be the adopted child of the petitioners, came on regularly this day for hearing. Guard C. Darrah appearing as attorney for the petitioners, and the petitioners and the minor child having appeared before the Court, and the Court having examined them, each separately, and the Court having heard the petition and evidence in support thereof, and the matter being submitted, the Court finds:

1. That all the averments contained in the petition of Manasseh L. Adams and Shakar Adams are true; that they are husband and wife, and each has consented to the adoption of this child by the other; that each of them is an adult person, and is more than ten years older than said unmarried minor.

2. That the parent whose consent is required by law Social Welfare has filed its acceptance of said consent and its report setting forth the legal status of the child.

3. That the petitioners have executed an agreement that Alinor Anvari shall be treated in all respects as the lawful child of petitioners, and each of them.

4. That the child is a proper subject for adoption, and the petitioners' home is suitable for the child, and that the interests of the child will be promoted by her adoption by the petitioners: Now, Therefore

It is ordered, That Alinor Anvari be adopted by Manasseh L. Adams and Shakar Adams, husband and wife, and that these persons shall hereafter sustain toward each other all legal obligations

of parent and child, and shall have all the rights and be under all of the duties of such relationship, including all legal rights and duties of custody, support, and inheritance.

It is further ordered, That the child shall hereafter bear the family name of petitioners, and shall be known as Alinor Adams.

Dated: January 30, 1970.

THOMAS B. QUINN,
Judge of the Superior Court.

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

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, D.C., March 5, 1976.

Hon. JOSHUA EILBERG,
Chairman, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship and International Law, Committee on the Judiciary, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I am again writing to urge your Subcommittee to favorably consider H.R. 2411, a bill I introduced on January 29, 1975 for the relief of Alinor Anvari Adams.

As noted in the attached letter I received from the young lady's adoptive mother, Mrs. Shakar Adams, Alinor arrived in the United States on July 26, 1968 as a visitor but later adjusted her status to student. Alinor is also the natural grandchild of Mrs. Adams. Adoption proceedings were begun in May 1968 while Alinor was only 13 years of age, but because of administrative delays within the California Department of Social Welfare, the Decree of Adoption was not issued until January 30, 1970, approximately 5 weeks after she reached her 14th birthday.

I am sure you will agree that my bill, H.R. 2411, permitting Alinor Anvari Adams to be classified as a child within the meaning of section 101(b)(1)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act merits early favorable consideration so that the doubt and uncertainty which has burdened the Adams family these past 8 years might at last be ended.

With kind personal regards,
Sincerely,

B. F. SISK,
Member of Congress.

Enclosure.

TURLOCK, CALIF., *December 11, 1974.*

Hon. B. F. SISK,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. SISK: I am deeply grateful to you for your concern in the matter of my adopted daughter, Alinor Anvari Adams, and her immigration problems.

Regarding your letter of November 18, 1974 in which you suggest introducing a private bill in Congress on Alinor's behalf which, if enacted into law, would give her the permanent residence status she needs before she can apply for United States citizenship, you have my

wholehearted approval. Therefore I am issuing the following statement as you requested:

I arrived in these United States in the fall of 1963 and for a period of several months lived with my uncle, the former Mr. Sam Malick in Madera, California.

I met my present husband, Mr. Manasseh Adams, shortly thereafter and subsequently we were married on May 2, 1964, in Carson City, Nevada. Our residence at that time was in Stockton, California, where my husband was employed by the United States Post Office.

On July 26, 1968, my granddaughter, Alinor Anvari, arrived in the States on a visitor's visa which was later changed to a student's visa and she enrolled at the Hamilton Jr. High School, Stockton, California.

Since my husband and I were too old to have a family and I had no immediate family in the States, and Alinor's parents were willing (my daughter Marna Anvari), we started adoption proceedings and engaged the law firm of Darrah & Darrah in Stockton, Calif. This took place in May 1969 at which time Alinor was 13 years and 5 months.

The "Consent to Own Adoption by Child" was signed May 8, 1969 and the "Report of the State Dept. of Social Welfare" was signed Nov. 13, 1969, but the "DECREE OF ADOPTION" is dated Jan. 30, 1970. This is only a month and a week after her 14th birthday. She became 14 on December 23, 1969 and her adoption filed Jan. 30, 1970.

We started adoption proceedings in good faith 8 months prior to her 14th birthday, but unfortunately because of 38 days we have been unable to change her status from a student to permanent resident. And yet she is legally the daughter of American Citizens according to our Courts.

My husband, now retired, is 70 years of age and I am 68 years. We presently reside in Turlock, California and to supplement our retirement benefits I give practical nursing to a bedridden elderly male in my home. My husband since his retirement has become progressively senile, so between he and my patient, I have my hands full. It is not an easy task for a woman of 68 years and without the presence and assistance of my daughter Alinor, I would not be able to do this. And as you must be aware a student is not permitted to work, so financially I must care for this patient.

It has been suggested to me that my husband be placed in a convalescent home, but I could never in good conscience do this and I will continue to care for him at home as long as my health permits and my daughter Alinor is with me.

I sincerely plead with you and your constituents to allow Alinor to remain here as a permanent resident. It is a great burden to both of us knowing that her status is a temporary one. How many more years do we have on this earth and what happens to our daughter after we are gone?

Her fate is completely in your hands and I beg for your generous assistance and compassion.

Sincerely yours,

SHAKAR ADAMS.

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. 2411, as amended, should be enacted and accordingly recommends that the bill do pass.

Calendar No. 1027

94TH CONGRESS }
2d Session }

SENATE

{ REPORT
No. 94-1093

ALINOR ANVARI ADAMS

August 4, 1976.—Ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 2411]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 2411) for the relief of Alinor Anvari Adams, 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 of the adopted child of citizens of the United States.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

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A letter, with attached memorandum, dated January 20, 1976 to the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives, from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization with reference to the bill reads as follows:

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On July 26, 1968, my granddaughter, Alinor Anvari, arrived in the States on a visitor's visa which was later changed to a student's visa, and she enrolled at the Hamilton Jr. High School, Stockton, California.

Since my husband and I were too old to have a family and I had no immediate family in the States, and Alinor's parents were willing (my daughter Marna Anvari), we started adoption proceedings and engaged the law firm of Darrah & Darrah in Stockton, Calif. This took place in May 1969 at which time Alinor was 13 years and 5 months.

The "Consent to Own Adoption by Child" was signed May 8, 1969 and the "Report of the State Dept. of Social Welfare" was signed Nov. 13, 1969, but the "DECREE OF ADOPTION" is dated Jan. 30, 1970. This is only a month and a week after her 14th birthday. She became 14 on December 23, 1969 and her adoption filed Jan. 30, 1970.

We started adoption proceedings in good faith 8 months prior to her 14th birthday, but unfortunately because of 38 days we have been unable to change her status from a student to permanent resident. And yet she is legally the daughter of American Citizens according to our Courts.

My husband, now retired, is 70 years of age and I am 68 years. We presently reside in Turlock, California and to supplement our retirement benefits I give practical nursing to a bedridden elderly male in my home. My husband since his retirement has become progressively senile, so between he and my patient, I have my hands full. It is not an easy task for a woman of 68 years and without the presence and assistance of my daughter Alinor, I would not be able to do this. And as you must be aware a student is not permitted to work, so financially I must care for this patient.

It has been suggested to me that my husband be placed in a convalescent home, but I could never in good conscience do this and I will continue to care for him at home as long as my health permits and my daughter Alinor is with me.

I sincerely plead with you and your constituents to allow Alinor to remain here as a permanent resident. It is a great burden to both of us knowing that her status is a temporary one. How many more years do we have on this earth and what happens to our daughter after we are gone?

Her fate is completely in your hands and I beg for your generous assistance and compassion.

Sincerely yours,

SHAKAR ADAMS.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., April 16, 1976.

HON. JAMES O. EASTLAND,
Chairman, Subcommittee on Immigration, Senate Judiciary Committee, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: On April 6, 1976 the House of Representatives passed H.R. 2411, a private bill I introduced in behalf of Alinor

Anvari Adams, the adopted daughter of my constituents, Mr. and Mrs. Manasseh Adams of Turlock, California.

Alinor, who is also the natural grandchild of Mrs. Adams, came to the United States for a visit in 1968. She later changed her status to student, and her grandparents, who are childless, initiated adoption proceedings. As indicated in the attached report on the bill from the House Judiciary Committee, adoption proceedings were commenced in California in 1968, but were not finalized until January 30, 1970, just a few weeks after Alinor had reached her fourteenth birthday. Because the young lady had reached her 14th birthday when adopted she could not be classified as a child within the meaning of section 101(b)(1)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams did not realize that their adopted daughter would have difficulty in adjusting her status to permanent resident until late 1974 and they contacted me. Apparently their attorney kept assuring them that because of the adoption Alinor's status would be adjusted automatically by INS. This, of course, is not true, and the introduction of a private bill was necessary.

I urge you to take favorable action on this bill at the earliest possible date so that Alinor can be spared any further anguish because of her precarious status.

Sincerely,

B. F. Sisk,
Member of Congress.

Enclosures.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H.R. 2411) should be enacted.

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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 Alinor Anvari Adams.

*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, Alinor Anvari Adams 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 her behalf by Manasseh L. Adams and Shakar Adams, 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.*