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THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION

WASHINGTON September 30, 1976

Last Day: October 5

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MEMORANDUM FOR

FROM:

SUBJECT:

THE PRESIDENT

JIM CANNON IN Ouen

S. 1787 - Relief of Maria Lisa R. Manalo and Rogena R. Manalo S. 2668 - Relief of Arturo Moreno Hernandez S. 2770 - Relief of Anthony Augustus

Daley and Beverly Evelyn Daley S. 2956 - Relief of Teresa Maria Salman

Attached for your consideration are four enrolled bills which would classify or permit classification of the beneficiary alien children as immediate relatives of either U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens, thereby authorizing preferential treatment under the immigration law and facilitating their admission to the United States.

Each of the bills is described in the OMB enrolled bill report at Tab A.

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

## RECOMMENDATION

That you sign S. 1787 at Tab B.

That you sign S. 2668 at Tab C.

That you sign S. 2770 at Tab D.

That you sign S. 2956 at Tab E.



## EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

SEP 2 8 1976

### MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

| Subject:             | Enro         | Enrolled Bills                              |  |  |
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| -                    | (1)          | S. 1787 - Relief of Maria Lisa R. Manalo    |  |  |
| and Rogena R. Manalo |              |   |  |  |
|                      |              | Sponsor - Sen. Magnuson (D) Washington      |  |  |
|                      | <b>-X</b> 2) | S. 2668 - Relief of Arturo Moreno Hernandez |  |  |
|                      |              | Sponsor - Sen. Moss (D) Utah                |  |  |
|                      | (3)          | S. 2770 - Relief of Anthony Augustus Daley  |  |  |
|                      |              | and Beverly Evelyn Daley                    |  |  |
|                      |              | Sponsor - Sen. Chiles (D) Florida           |  |  |
|                      | (4)          | S. 2956 - Relief of Teresa Marie Salman     |  |  |
|                      |              | Sponsor - Sen. Bumpers (D) Arkansas         |  |  |

Last Day for Action

October 5, 1976 - Tuesday

Purpose

To facilitate the admission of certain alien children into the United States.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget

Approval

Immigration and Naturalization Service Department of State

Approval No objection

#### Discussion

These enrolled bills would classify or permit classification of the beneficiary alien children as immediate relatives of either U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens, thereby authorizing preferential treatment under immigration law, and facilitating their admission to the United States. Each of the enrolled bills would also make the children's natural parents and siblings ineligible for preferential treatment under immigration law by virtue of their relationship to the beneficiaries.

#### S. 1787 - Maria and Rogena Manalo

The beneficiaries are sisters, ages 15 and 14, respectively. They are natives and citizens of the Philippines and presently reside there with relatives.

At an early age, Maria and Rogena were left by their natural mother in the custody of Mr. and Mrs. Olympio Javidando, the prospective adopting parents, who are now permanent resident aliens of the United States and living in the Seattle, Washington area with their three natural daughters. Since the Javidandos left the Philippines in 1973, Maria and Rogena have lived apart from each other with relatives, but have received some support from Mr. and Mrs. Javidando.

Because of the unstable life the sisters have been subjected to, the Javidandos desire to adopt the sisters in the United States. The children's natural mother has since formally consented to their adoption; the natural father has consistently denied his paternity since their birth. However, under current law, a petition to classify an orphan as an immediate relative can be filed only by a U.S. citizen and can be filed only for a child under 14 years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Javidando are, thus, ineligible to file a petition in behalf of the sisters; likewise, Maria and Rogena exceed the age limitation.

S. 1787 would declare Maria and Rogena to be the natural born alien children of Mr. and Mrs. Javidando and permit them to petition for immediate relative immigrant visas for the sisters as their unmarried natural daughters under immigration law. This would enable the Javidandos to adopt the girls upon their admission to the United States.

#### S. 2668 - Arturo Moreno Hernandes

The beneficiary is a 12-year-old Mexican boy who currently resides with his indigent natural parents in Mexico. Arturo was adopted in Mexico on August 14, 1975 by Mr. and Mrs. Jose Palacio, both U.S. citizens residing in Utah. Mr. Palacio is a first cousin of one of Arturo's parents, and he and Mrs. Palacio have six children, three of whom are grown and living independently of their parents.

Because Arturo has not resided with his adopted parents for two continuous years, and instead still resides with his natural parents in Mexico, he is ineligible for preferential treatment under current law as an immediate relative of

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Mr. and Mrs. Palacio. S. 2668 would waive this statutory impediment in his behalf and permit the Palacios to file a petition to grant him preferential immigrant status as their child.

## S. 2770 - Anthony and Beverly Daley

The beneficiaries are brother and sister, ages 13 and 14, who are natives and citizens of Jamaica. They were adopted in Florida on August 4, 1975 by their natural father, Mr. Samuel U. Daley, a permanent resident alien, and his U.S. citizen wife. The children presently reside with their paternal grandparents in Jamaica. Because the children have not lived with their adopted parents for 2 years since their adoption, Mr. and Mrs. Daley are ineligible to file immediate relative petitions to obtain immigrant visas for them. S. 2770 would waive the physical presence requirement in their behalf and permit Mr. and Mrs. Daley to petition for immigrant visas for their adopted children.

### S. 2956 - Teresa Marie Salman

The beneficiary is a 24-month-old native and resident of Taiwan. She has been living in Okinawa with her adopted parents, retired Air Force Sgt. and Mrs. Eugene A. Salman, both U.S. citizens. In addition to their adopted daughter, the Salmans have seven children of their own. Sgt. Salman has recently completed 20 years of military service. The family has remained in Okinawa with the beneficiary awaiting the disposition of this bill.

Under current law, Teresa will not be eligible for an immigrant visa as an immediate relative until she has been in the legal custody of and resided with her adoptive parents for 2 years. S. 2956 would waive the 2-year custody and physical presence requirement in Teresa's behalf and make her immediately eligible for an immigrant visa upon approval of an immediate relative petition to be filed in her behalf by Sqt. and Mrs. Salman.

James m. Frey Assistant Director for

Assistant Director for Legislative Reference

Enclosures

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

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO

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AND REFER TO THIS FILE NO. A21 340 355

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

то : OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

SUBJECT: Enrolled Private Bill No. S. 2668 ; Office of Management and Budget request dated September 23, 1976

Beneficiary or Beneficiaries <u>Arturo Morena Hernandez</u>

**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 y I

Interposes no objection to approval of the bill

Sincerely,

Commissioner



#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

SEP 28 1976

Dear Mr. Lynn:

Reference is made to Mr. Frey's communication of September 22, 1976, transmitting for comment enrolled bills, S. 2770, "For the relief of Anthony Augustus Daley and Beverly Evelyn Daley", <u>S. 2668</u>, "For the relief of Arturo Morena Hernandez", and S. 2481, "For the relief of Oscar Rene Hernandez Rustrian".

This Department's files contain no information identifiable with the above cited bills, and in the absence of any derogatory information, 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.

FHE WE WASHINGTON ACTION MEMORANDUM 100 Date: September 28 Time: 830am NSC/S + cc (for information): Jack Marsh FOR ACTION: Dick Parsons Jim Connor Max Friedersdorf Ed Schmults Bobbie Kilberg at the state FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY 

DUE: Date: September 30 Time: 200pm

S.1787-Relief of Maria Lisa Manalo, et al S.2668-Relief of Arturo Moreno Hernandez S.2770-Relief of Anthony Augustus Daley, et al S.2956-Relief of Teresa Marie Salman

ACTION REQUESTED:

For Necessary Action

Prepare Agenda and Brief

For Your Comments

For Your Recommendations Draft Reply Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

SUBJECT:

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K. R. COLE, JR. For the President



## EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

SEP 28 1976

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## Last Day for Action

October 5, 1976 - Tuesday

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Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget

Approval

Immigration and Naturalization Service Department of State

Approval No objection

#### Discussion

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## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL.

September 30, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JAMES M. CANNON

Jeanne W. Davi

FROM:

SUBJECT:

Enrolled Bills: S. 1787, S. 2668, S. 2770 and S. 2956

The NSC Staff concurs in the following enrolled bills:

| S. 1787            | Relief of Maria Lisa Manalo, et al      |
|--------------------|---|
| S. 2668<br>S. 2770 | Relief of Arturo Moreno Hernandez       |
| Ś. 2770            | Relief of Anthony Augustus Daley, et al |
| <b>S.</b> 2956     | Relief of Teresa Marie Salman           |

## THE WHITE HOUL WASHINGTON

## ACTION MEMORANDUM

Date: September 28

Time: 830pm

FOR ACTION:

NSC/S Dick Parsons Max Friedersdorf Bobbie Kilberg cc (for information): Jack Marsh Jim Connor Ed Schmults 9

## FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: September 30

Time: 200pm

\_\_\_\_\_ For Your Recommendations

## SUBJECT:

S.1787-Relief of Maria Lisa Manalo,et al → S.2668-Relief of Arturo Moreno Hernandez S.2770-Relief of Anthony Augustus Daley,et al S.2956-Relief of Teresa Marie Salman

#### ACTION REQUESTED:

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James M. Cannon

## THE WHITE HOUSE

#### WASHINGTON

## September 29, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CAVANAUGH

FROM:

MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF M. .....

SUBJECT:

S.1787 - Relief of Maria Lisa Manalo S.2668 - Relief of Arturo Moreno Hernandez S.2770 - Relief of Anthony Augustus Daley S.2956 - Relief of Teresa Marie Salman S.2481 - Relief of Oscar Rene Hernandex Rustrian S.1404 - Relief of Mrs. Kyong Chu Stout S.1477 - Relief of Beatric Serrano-Toledo S.2830 - Relief of Gary Broyles

S.2830 - Relief of Gary Broyles The Office of Legislative Affairs concurs with the agencies

that the subject bill be signed.

Attachments

#### ARTURO MORENO HERNANDEZ

SEPTEMBER 13, 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 S. 2668]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2668) for the relief of Arturo Moreno Hernandez, 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 admission into the United States of the adopted child of citizens of the United States.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

The beneficiary of the bill is an eleven-year-old native and citizen of Mexico who currently resides in that country with his natural parents. He was adopted in Mexico on August 14, 1975 by Mr. and Mrs. Jose Jesus Palacios, citizens of the United States.

A letter, with attached memorandum, dated March 9, 1976 to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary from the then Acting Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization reads as follows.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, D.C., March 9, 1976.

#### A21340355.

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

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In response to your request for a report relative to the bill (S. 2668) for the relief of Arturo Morena Hernandez, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary.

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The bill provides that the eleven-year-old beneficiary, who was adopted by United States citizens, 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 relationships, be accorded any right, privileges, or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Absent enactment of the bill, the beneficiary, a native of Mexico, is chargeable to the numerical limitations for immigrants from the Western Hemisphere.

Sincerely,

JAMES F. GREENE, Acting Commissioner.

Enclosure.

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE S. 2668

Information concerning the case was obtained from Jose Jesus Palacios and his wife, Maria Isaura Palacios, the beneficiary's adoptive parents and the interested parties.

The beneficiary, whose name is spelled Arturo Moreno Hernandez, is a native and citizen of Mexico born on May 25, 1964. He resides in Chihuahua, Mexico with his natural parents, Jose Guadalupe Moreno and Ofelia Hernandez. He was adopted by the interested parties in Mexico on August 14, 1975 in the Second Civil Court of Law of the District of Morelos, Chihuahua, Mexico. The adoptive parents were present at the time of the adoption and a copy of the adoption decree is attached. The beneficiary has completed five years of school in his native country. He has one sister and eight brothers who are citizens and residents of Mexico. The beneficiary's natural father is the first cousin of his adoptive father.

Mr. and Mrs. Palacios, who were married on September 28, 1942, reside in East Carbon City, Utah. They are the parents of six children who are citizens and residents of the United States. Jose Jesus Palacios was born in Mexico in 1922, has resided in the United States since 1923, and became a naturalized citizen in 1945 while serving in the United States Army. He is presently employed as a mine foreman and earns \$25,250 a year. Maria Isaura Palacios was born in the United States in 1920. She is not employed. Their assets consists of personal property valued at \$3,000, life insurance policies presently valued at \$88,189, stocks and bonds worth \$5,029, and cash savings of \$600.

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

Senator Frank E. Moss, the author of the bill, submitted the following supporting information:

U.S. SENATE, Washington, D.C., April 14, 1976.

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

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your recent letter concerning S. 2668, the private immigration bill introduced for the relief of H.R. 1523

Arturo Moreno Hernandez. I am pleased to write in support of this measure.

Early last December, I was contacted by Miss Victoria Palacios, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Palacios of East Carbon, Utah. She explained that in June her parents went to Chihuahua, Mexico, in order to adopt and bring back with them an 11-year old boy, Arturo Moreno Hernandez, the beneficiary of S. 2668. Arturo's natural parents are Guadalupe Moreno Navarro and Ofelia Hernandez de Moreno, both now living. They have given their consent to the adoption, having relinquished all of their parental rights because they are unable to provide support for the child. Mr. Palacios is a first cousin of one of the boy's parents.

A Mexican attorney advised the Palacios what documents would be required in order to complete the adoption. They later attended a proceeding which was preliminary to the adoption. When they returned to the United States later on, however, they were informed by U.S. border officials that they could not bring the boy into the country without a visa. The Palacios family is eager to have Arturo become a part of their family and I have introduced S. 2668 to help.

Miss Palacios has written to me more recently detailing the situation, Mr. Chairman, and I will include a portion of her comments. She points out that the lad is one of seven children, that his ninemember family live in an adobe house with no indoor plumbing, that . . . "Arturo's natural father is an unskilled laborer who works primarily in construction. He is only able to find work at irregular intervals. The net result is that the family's diet suffers critically. My parents were sad to observe that Arturo's physical appearance indicates that he experiences severe nutrition problems. The child's overall health is poor; he is extremely underweight and badly requires dental care. Needless to say his clothing is also far from adequate...."

The family situation in Utah is certainly sufficient to care for Arturo and I urge that favorable consideration to given to this measure so they can bring him to the United States as soon as possible.

Sincerely.

FRANK E. MOSS, U.S. Senator.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON, Madison, Wis., December 4, 1975.

Hon. FRANK E. Moss. U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

Please excuse the delay in getting this information to you. In this letter I will attempt to provide as fully as possible details of the circumstances surrounding my parents' adoption of Arturo.

Mom and Dad have known Arturo since 1967 when he was just three years old. They met him when they visited Arturo's natural parents (one of whom is my father's first cousin) on their first summer vacation to Mexico eight years ago. Since my father had that year worked his way to the supervisory level at Kaiser Steel and since only three of my parents' six natural children were still living at home, my parents' finances thereafter permitted them to make annual trips to Mexico. On each of these trips they visited with Arturo and his natural family. They became increasingly fond of the child and

H.R. 1523

several years ago began discussing with the natural parents the prospect of taking Arturo to live with them and be adopted into our family. The decision was not spurious, but rather one which was arrived at mutually by all concerned. Although one's first reaction is to judge harshly the decision by natural parents to relinguish their child, perhaps the following facts will make that decision more understandable to outsiders.

Arturo is one of seven children. His nine-member family lives in an adobe house with no indoor plumbing. These poor facilities inevitably cause sanitation problems. For example, chickens which the family raises for food cannot be prevented from wandering into the area where the sewerage is dumped.

Arturo's natural father is an unskilled laborer who works primarily in construction. He is only able to find work at irregular intervals. The net result is that the family's diet suffers critically. My parents were sad to observe that Arturo's physical appearance indicates that he experiences severe nutrition problems. The child's overall health is poor; he is extremely underweight and badly requires dental care. Needless to add his clothing is far from adequate.

During the eight year period in which my parents made their visits to Arturo they have been impressed with his intellectual acuity. It is significant to note that neither of my parents graduated from high school. This was at a time when public schools were completely insensitive to the needs of bilingual children. Nevertheless, the inspiration and training of this unusual couple prompted all six of their children to higher education; two of us have gone to graduate school; three are currently full-time students in undergraduate school; and one, a part-time student in undergraduate school. I must say that these are impressive results for any family, especially for a bilingual, bicultural set of parents in this society. My parents' interest in Arturo includes particularly a desire to provide similar guidance to Arturo who shows so much promise. His enthusiasm for doing well and learning persists despite the fact that the family's financial situation forces him to miss much school.

Finally, with respect to the mutual decision concerning the adoption, I must make a brief point about the nature of the Mexican and Mexican-American family. Sociological evidence shows that our family concept includes the extended family and that family bonds are unusually strong. Add to this data which shows that we generally occupy positions of low economic standing and you arrive at this result: It is not unusual, nor is one considered a "bad parent" if he agrees to let another member of the family rear his child where he is unable to do so himself. This does not mean that Mexicans and Mexican-Americans find it "easier" to part with their children; it means only that often this is the only alternative to watching their children suffer the effects of poverty. I wish to emphasize that, as I stated in my first letter, the only distinction between the deprivation suffered by Lance Bush and that suffered by Arturo is that Lance's parents are spared watching their son's afflictions. Pragmatically speaking, parenting consists of more than loving a child. As far as meeting Arturo's physical needs is concerned, he is virtually parentless.

Over the course of my parents' visits to Arturo in Mexico, they have

informed a familial attachment which is greater than that in many natural families. They have provided some assistance to the natural family generally, and of late they have given substantial support to Arturo. They made an earlier attempt to bring him into the country but were bewildered and discouraged.

In speaking with my father he recounted some incidents which are significant. On several occasions, in his quest for custody of his adopted son, he has been approached by persons who have offered illegal shortcuts into the country. Persons ranging from lawyers and agencies to sleazy characters at the border have at least strongly hinted that he would probably "get away with it." Regardless of whether there is any reliability behind such suggestions, my father has and continues to have absolutely nothing to do with such propositions. He insists (calling me by my childhood nickname), "Batcha, I want to do this legal."

Finally, I wish to compliment and thank you and the Senator for your speedy action in setting in motion the private bill. My folks were extremely pleased to report that they met with Fern Alexander of the Salt Lake City INS Office on Dec. 1 in conjunction with the bill. Many thanks.

Respectfully yours,

#### VICTORIA PALACIOS, Counselor in Law.

The following report was submitted to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on this legislation :

JULY 21, 1976.

Hon. JAMES O. EASTLAND,

Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary. United States Senate.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In reference to your request for a report concerning the case of Arturo Morena Hernandez, beneficiary of S. 2668, 94th Congress, there is enclosed a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary. This memorandum has been submitted by the American Consulate General at Ciudad Juarez, where the beneficiary resides.

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. Jose Jesus Palacios, American citizens. It also 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. Sincerely yours,

ROBERT J. MCCLOSKEY.

Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations. Enclosure: Memorandum of information.

SUBMITTED BY THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL AT CIUDAD JUAREZ, MEXICO

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION CONCERNING S. 2668 FOR THE Relief of Arturo Moreno Hernandez

The beneficiary was born on May 25, 1964, at Chihuahua City, Chihuahua, Mexico. He is a grade school student presently residing with his natural parents at 5303 de la Calle Privada De Lerdo De Tejada, Colonia Las Granjas, Chihuahua City, Chihuahua, Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Jose Jesus Palacios Moreno, United States citizens, of P.O. Box 423, Carbon, Utah, adopted the beneficiary in Chihuahua, Mexico, on September 18, 1975. They are first cousins of the beneficiary's natural parents and have met the beneficiary on several occasions in the past four years. Enclosed are certified copies of the Mexican adoption decree with translations in English.

The beneficiary would be classified as an immediate relative of a United States citizen upon being classified as a child within the meaning of Section 101(b)(1)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

The Consulate General's investigation revealed no information which would render the beneficiary ineligible to receive a visa.

The beneficiary underwent a medical examination on July 6, 1976, and was found to be in good health.

Enclosures: Certified copies of Mexican adoption decree with English translations.

#### 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 RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon consideration of all the facts in this case, the Committee is of the opinion that S. 2668 should be enacted and accordingly recommends that the bill do pass.

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# Rinety-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 Arturo Moreno Hernandez.

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, Arturo Moreno Hernandez may be classified as a child within the meaning of section 101(b)(1)(F) of such Act, upon approval of a petition filed in his behalf by Mr. and Mrs. Jose Jesus Palacios, 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.