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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
October 2, 1976

ACTION

Last Day: October 9

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JIM CANNON *JDC*

SUBJECT:

→ S. 3485 - Relief of Orlando Garzon
Sponsor: Sen. Mondale
H.R. 12831 - Relief of Mo Chong-Pu
Sponsor: Rep. St. Germain

Attached for your consideration are S. 3485 and H.R. 12831.

Each of the enrolled bills would authorize preferential treatment under the Immigration and Nationality Act for the admission of the beneficiaries into the United States for adoption purposes. In each case, the prospective adoptive parents are ineligible to petition on behalf of the child because they have already adopted two or more alien children.

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign S. 3485 at Tab B.

That you sign H.R. 12831 at Tab C.

*Posted
10/9/76*

*advised
10/12/76*





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

OCT 1 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bills

- (1) S. 3485 - Relief of Orlando Garzon
Sponsor - Sen. Mondale (D) Minnesota
(2) H.R. 12831 - Relief of Mo Chong-Pu
Sponsor - Rep. St. Germain (D) Rhode Island

Last Day for Action

October 9, 1976 - Saturday

Purpose

To authorize preferential treatment under the Immigration and Nationality Act for the admission of certain alien children into the United States for adoption purposes.

Agency Recommendations

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| Office of Management and Budget | Approval |
| Immigration and Naturalization Service | Approval |
| Department of State | No objection |

Discussion

These bills facilitate the immigration of children to the U.S. for adoption purposes. In each case, the prospective adoptive parents are ineligible to petition on behalf of the child they would like to adopt because they already have adopted two or more alien children. The Immigration and Nationality Act normally limits the number of immediate relative immigration visa petitions for the adoption of alien children to two per petitioner.

The enrolled bills would authorize the classification of each alien child as an immediate relative child and permit the approval of immigration visa petitions filed by the adoptive parents. Upon approval of such petitions, the children would be admitted to the United States for permanent residence. In addition, the natural parents and siblings of the beneficiaries are declared ineligible for similar preferential treatment for immigration to the United States.

S. 3485 - Orlando Garzon

The beneficiary is a 4-year-old Colombian boy who is currently in the custody of the Foundation for the Adoption of Abandoned Children in Bogota. The whereabouts of his natural parents are unknown. Orlando is visually handicapped and suffers from post polio paralysis and currently receives no medical attention for these problems. His prospective parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lindgren of Olivia, Minnesota, intend to have the beneficiary treated by the University of Minnesota Hospital and have been informed that with proper medical help the child will be able to recover his sight and the use of his legs. Mr. and Mrs. Lindgren have nine children, five of whom have been adopted. Since the Lindgrens have had two previous immediate relative visa petitions approved in behalf of two adopted alien daughters, they are ineligible to similarly seek an immigrant visa for Orlando.

H.R. 12831 - Mo Chong-Pu

The beneficiary is a 3-year-old Korean boy currently living in an orphanage there. His parentage and family background are unknown. Upon admission into the United States he will be adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pitt, both U.S. citizens, residing in Little Compton, Rhode Island. Mr. and Mrs. Pitt have no natural children and have already adopted two alien children. Because the Pitts have had two immediate relative immigration visa petitions approved, they are ineligible to similarly petition on behalf of Mo Chong-Pu.

James M. Frey
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosures

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: October 1

Time: 400pm

FOR ACTION:

NBC/S *W*
Max Friedersdorf *W*
Bobbie Kilberg *W*
Dick Parsons *W*

cc (for information): Jack Marsh
Jim Connor
Ed Schmults

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date:

October 2

Time:

noon

SUBJECT:

S.3485-Relief of Orlando Garzon
H.R. 12831-Relief of Mo Chong-Pu

ACTION REQUESTED:

For Necessary Action

For Your Recommendations

Prepare Agenda and Brief

Draft Reply

For Your Comments

Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

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K. R. COLE, JR.
For the President

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

Washington 25, D.C.

28 SEP 1976

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO

AND REFER TO THIS FILE NO.

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

TO : OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

SUBJECT: Enrolled Private Bill No. S. 3485 ; Office of Management
and Budget request dated September 27, 1976

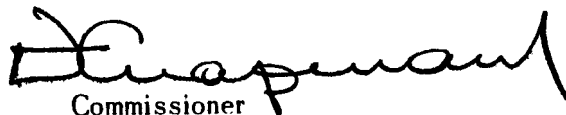
Beneficiary or Beneficiaries Orlando Garzon

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

SEP 29 1976

Dear Mr. Lynn:

Reference is made to Mr. Frey's communication of September 27, 1976, transmitting for comment enrolled bill, S. 3485, "For the relief of Orlando Garzon".

This Department has no objection to the enactment of this bill.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kempton B. Jenkins".

Kempton B. Jenkins
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

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

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Judy Johnston Kilberg 10/1/76

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James M. Cannon

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

5523

October 4, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES M. CANNON

FROM:

Jeanne W. Davis *WJD*

SUBJECT:

fn S. 3485

H. R. 12831

The NSC Staff concurs in the proposed enrolled bills S. 3485-Relief of Orlando Garzon and H. R. 12831-Relief of Mo Chong-Pu.

Calendar No. 1002

94TH CONGRESS }
2d Session }

SENATE }

REPORT
No. 94-1068

ORLANDO GARZON

AUGUST 4, 1976.—Ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany S. 3485]

The committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill, (S. 3485), for the relief of Orlando Garzon, 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 entry into the United States as an immediate relative of the prospective adopted child of U.S. citizens, notwithstanding the fact that the prospective adoptive parents have previously had the maximum number of petitions approved.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a four-year-old native and citizen of Colombia who is currently in the custody of the Foundation for the Adoption of Abandoned Children in Bogota. The whereabouts of the beneficiary's natural parents are unknown. The prospective adoptive parents are natives and citizens of the United States. They have four natural children and five adopted children. The beneficiary is visually handicapped and suffers from post polio paralysis. The prospective adoptive parents intend to have the beneficiary treated by the University of Minnesota Hospital.

A letter, with attached memorandum, dated June 30, 1976 to the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee 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., June 30, 1976.

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. 3485) for the relief of Orlando Garzon, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary.

The bill would provide that the beneficiary, who is to be adopted by United States citizens, may be classified as a child and be granted immediate relative status. The bill further provides that the provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act which limits the number of petitions that may be approved for adopted children shall not be applicable in this case. The bill also provides that the natural parents or brothers or sisters of the beneficiary shall not, by virtue of such relationship, be accorded any rights, privilege or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Sincerely,

L. F. CHAPMAN, Jr., *Commissioner.*

Enclosure.

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE S. 3485

Information concerning the case was obtained from Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lindgren, the prospective adoptive parents of the beneficiary.

The beneficiary, Orlando Garzon, was born March 10, 1972 in Bogota, Colombia. His parents are unknown. He was found abandoned and is presently in the custody of the Foundation for the Adoption of Abandoned Children, Bogota, Colombia. The beneficiary is visually handicapped and suffers from post polio paralysis in both legs. The Lindgrens stated that medical help has been offered by the University of Minnesota Hospital with the advice that the possibility of success of said treatment decreases with the passage of time.

Arnold and Joyce Lindgren, who are natives and citizens of the United States, were born on July 4, 1933 and December 16, 1934, respectively. They were married on June 8, 1957 and presently reside in Olivia, Minnesota. Mr. Lindgren is the pastor of the Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church in Olivia and earns more than \$13,000 per annum. Mrs. Lindgren is a housewife. Their home is provided by the church and they have other personal property valued at \$15,000. They have nine children, the first four of whom were born to them. The

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last five children have been adopted. They have filed two previous petitions, approved in 1973 and 1975, to accord their adopted daughters, Jin Hee Lee (Susan) and Adriana Uribe (Nicole) immediate relative status for the issuance of immigrant visas. Both of these girls are visually handicapped. H.R. 13802 has also been introduced in the beneficiary's behalf.

Senator Walter Mondale, the author of the bill, submitted the following supporting information:

U.S. SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND PUBLIC WELFARE,
Washington, D.C., June 24, 1976.

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

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Orlando Garzon is a four year old native of Colombia, South America. Orlando is blind, has had polio and has no use of his legs. His mother has abandoned him.

FANA, who is the adoptive agency in Colombia, states that according to medical releases, the child can recover his sight if he is allowed to come to the United States and receive proper medical help; and that with special therapy and braces, the child can also recover the use of his legs, but that they do not have the equipment necessary for treatment of this child in Colombia.

My constituents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lindgren, have seen the child and have made arrangements for the adoption and care of Orlando. Since his condition will deteriorate if not promptly taken care of, they are most anxious to bring the child here as promptly as possible.

Rev. and Mrs. Lindgren have already adopted two other orphans and according to reports sent me, have greatly helped to restore their health and emotional stability. Their home life shows love and respect for one another and devotion and patience with the children.

Your prompt passage of S. 3485 would be greatly appreciated. Enclosed are statements and affidavits in support of the Bill.

Sincerely,

WALTER F. MONDALE.

OLIVIA, MINN., May 18, 1976.

HON. WALTER MONDALE,
U.S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR MONDALE: My husband and I want very much to adopt a handicapped 4 year old boy from Colombia, South America. His name is Orlando Garzon and he is blind and has had polio—and has no use of his legs. We have used our two I-600 visa's previously and our only hope of bringing him to the U.S. is with a private bill. On May 13th a bill on his behalf was introduced into the House by Richard Nolan. We are members of OURS, an adoptive parents group and they have informed us that it has been the experience of parents that a private bill with a companion bill passes much more quickly than one that does not have a companion bill. We beg of you to sponsor such a bill for Orlando. His medical problems are great and the doctors

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in Colombia feel it is imperative that he get medical help in the States as soon as possible before his condition deteriorates any further. We began our first contacts with Nolan's office the 1st of March so close to 3 months have passed already. Orlando will not survive if something is not done quickly. We adopted a little girl from there last year and saw him and held him and we love him very much. Our papers are all ready but we must have a visa! *Please* help us! I'm enclosing a picture of Orlando, a letter from our social worker and all supportive papers.

Senator Humphrey did write General Chapman requesting a parole visa but it was denied at this point. We have been told that when a private bill is introduced and has definite hopes of passing that perhaps a parole visa could be again requested and would then meet the requirements for a parole visa, so he could come in quickly. His physical health is such that speed is of the utmost importance.

As OURS parents we want to thank you also for the companion bill you introduced for Ralph Solems of Oslo, Minnesota. We know it meant a great deal to them. God bless you for any help you can give us.

Sincerely,

Rev. and Mrs. ARNOLD LINDGREN.

RENVILLE COUNTY FAMILY SERVICE AND
WELFARE DEPARTMENT,
Olivia, Minn., May 18, 1976.

HON. WALTER MONDALE,
*The U.S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR MONDALE: We are hoping to introduce a private bill to the U.S. Senate to gain permission for Orlando Garrazon to travel to the USA to be adopted by the Arnold Lindgren family. We are in hopes your staff will consider sponsoring a companion bill in the Senate. Representative Richard Nolan has introduced a bill to the House recently.

The Lindgren's home study and update were accepted and approved at the March 16, 1976 board meeting. I have found them to be remarkable people who have much warmth and love to share with their children. They have helped their multi-racial, multi-handicapped family make a good adjustment to our rural community. Although they are a family of nine already, I feel they have the physical, financial, and emotional strength to successfully parent Orlando.

Orlando was born March 10, 1972 and was later abandoned by his parents. Orlando has sight problems as well as some post polio paralysis in his legs. He receives no medical attention for these problems. If his adoption and immigration to the United States can be achieved, surgery may restore part of his sight and therapy may make it possible for him to walk. Sadly, he receives only custodial care at present and the longer the wait, the less the possibility of his ever walking. This is further compounded by the Columbian governments feeling that handicapped children should be allowed to die because their country lacks the proper facilities and programs to help them. Quite frankly, we do not like to think what might be Orlando's fate if the Lindgrens cannot adopt him soon.

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Various documents and their translation, letters of recommendations, and information are attached for your use.

Sincerely,

GAYLE TRIPP, *Case Worker.*

THE CITIZENS STATE BANK,
Olivia, Minn., March 17, 1976.

To Whom It May Concern:

GENTLEMEN: This letter will serve to confirm and substantiate the fact that Rev. Lindgren is honest, reliable and worthy of our every consideration.

His Financial Statement which we have on file indicates a Net Worth in excess of \$15,000.00; an annual salary of \$11,000.00 from his church and life insurance totalling some \$62,000.00. He also has a pension benefit which will be due him in the future.

Our dealings with Rev. Lindgren have proved to be mutually beneficial and I feel sure you will have the same experience.

Very truly yours,

G. JEROME KIRCHER, *President.*

ORGANIZATION FOR A UNITED RESPONSE,
April 12, 1976.

To Whom It May Concern:

As an adoptive parent group numbering over 5,000 families, we occasionally have among us a particularly outstanding family, one who has the strength both physically and emotionally to love and care for several children.

An outstanding family in OURS is Reverend and Mrs. Arnold Lindgren of Olivia, Minnesota. They have several biological children and adoptive children from the United States. They also have two foreign-born children with very special needs, and they are seeking to adopt Orlando, a small boy in Colombia, South America, who desperately needs a loving home and parents who can accept his limitations and help him.

Because the Lindgrens have already used both of their I-600's in adopting their other Colombian child and a child from Korea, Orlando would have to wait for possibly years before his name came to the top of a non-preference visa waiting list. Therefore, he needs a parole visa in order that he may soon join his adoptive family and receive the nurturing possible only in a loving family, and the medical care he needs so very much.

We urge you to help Orlando and the Lindgrens become a family by making a parole visa available to Orlando.

Sincerely,

BETTY KRAMER, *President.*

FOUNDATION FOR THE ADOPTION OF ABANDONED CHILDREN,
Bogota, Colombia, February 4, 1972.

To Whom It May Concern:

Mercedes Rosario de Martinez, being duly sworn, deposes and says: That she is over the age of 21 and resides in Bogota, Colombia; That

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she is the Legal Representative and Director of the Foundation for the Adoption of Abandoned Children, FANA, with Juridical Solicitorship acknowledged by the Ministry of Justice of the Government of Colombia by Resolution No. 262 of February 4, 1972;

That the minor Orlando Garzon who was referred to FANA for adoption, after his abandonment was verified, is blind and has no use of his legs; That according to medical releases the child can recover his sight if he be allowed to go to the United States to seek medical help; That we do not have in Colombia the equipment necessary for the treatment of this child.

That with braces and special therapy the child can also recover the use of his legs thus becoming a useful person to society. Again, we do not have medical means in Colombia and therefore the child must be taken to the United States for treatment.

That the said Orlando Garzon has been in our institution since March 19, 1975 at which time the said child was in extremely poor health conditions due to malnutrition and other afflictions.

That it is very expensive for our institution to keep the above mentioned child and it has been decided that he be placed in another institution where his condition, we are sure, will deteriorate;

That since the time the aforementioned child came to FANA, efforts have been made to find him an adoptive home, without success;

That I have met both Mr. and Mrs. Lindgreen and believe that they are capable to care for Orlando's physical and emotional needs, and that they meet all the requirements of our institution and Government as prospective adoptive parents;

That if further information is needed, the undersigned will be more than pleased to furnish it upon request.

Very truly yours,

MERCEDES ROSARIO DE MARTINEZ,
Legal Representative.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 3485) should be enacted.

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ORLANDA GARZON

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. 3485]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3485) for the relief of Orlando Garzon, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

On page 1, line 8, after the word "Act" insert the following:

and the provisions of section 245(c) of that Act shall be in-
applicable in this case.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to facilitate the entry into the United States as an immediate relative of the prospective adopted child of U.S. citizens, notwithstanding the fact that the prospective adoptive parents have previously had the maximum number of petitions approved.

The bill has been amended to provide for adjustment of status to permanent residence in the United States.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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RENVILLE COUNTY FAMILY SERVICE
AND WELFARE DEPARTMENT,
Olivia, Minn., May 18, 1976.

HON. WALTER MONDALE,
*The U.S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR MONDALE: We are hoping to introduce a private bill to the U.S. Senate to gain permission for Orlando Garazon to travel to the USA to be adopted by the Arnold Lindgren family. We are in hopes your staff will consider sponsoring a companion bill in the Senate. Representative Richard Nolan has introduced a bill to the House recently.

The Lindgren's home study and update were accepted and approved at the March 16, 1976 board meeting. I have found them to be remarkable people who have much warmth and love to share with their children. They have helped their multi-racial, multi-handicapped family make a good adjustment to our rural community. Although they are a family of nine already, I feel they have the physical, financial, and emotional strength to successfully parent Orlando.

Orlando was born March 10, 1972 and was later abandoned by his parents. Orlando has sight problems as well as some post polio paralysis in his legs. He receives no medical attention for these problems. If his adoption and immigration to the United States can be achieved, surgery may restore part of his sight and therapy may make it possible for him to walk. Sadly, he receives only custodial care at present and the longer the wait, the less the possibility of his ever walking. This is further compounded by the Colombian government's feeling that handicapped children should be allowed to die because their country lacks the proper facilities and programs to help them. Quite frankly, we do not like to think what might be Orlando's fate if the Lindgrens cannot adopt him soon.

Various documents and their translation, letters of recommendations, and information are attached for your use.

Sincerely,

GAYLE TRIPP, *Case Worker.*

THE CITIZENS STATE BANK,
Olivia, Minn., March 17, 1976.

To Whom It May Concern:

GENTLEMEN: This letter will serve to confirm and substantiate the fact that Rev. Lindgren is honest, reliable and worthy of our every consideration.

His Financial Statement which we have on file indicates a Net Worth in excess of \$15,000.00; an annual salary of \$11,000.00 from his church and life insurance totalling some \$62,000.00. He also has a pension benefit which will be due him in the future.

Our dealings with Rev. Lindgren have proved to be mutually beneficial and I feel sure you will have the same experience.

Very truly yours,

G. JEROME KIRCHER, *President.*

ORGANIZATION FOR A UNITED RESPONSE,
April 12, 1976.

To Whom It May Concern:

As an adoptive parent group numbering over 5,000 families, we occasionally have among us a particularly outstanding family, one who has the strength both physically and emotionally to love and care for several children.

An outstanding family in OURS is Reverend and Mrs. Arnold Lindgren of Olivia, Minnesota. They have several biological children and adoptive children from the United States. They also have two foreign-born children with very special needs, and they are seeking to adopt Orlando, a small boy in Colombia, South America, who desperately needs a loving home and parents who can accept his limitations and help him.

Because the Lindgrens have already used both of their I-600's in adopting their other Colombian child and a child from Korea, Orlando would have to wait for possibly years before his name came to the top of a non-preference visa waiting list. Therefore, he needs a parole visa in order that he may soon join his adoptive family and receive the nurturing possible only in a loving family, and the medical care he needs so very much.

We urge you to help Orlando and the Lindgrens become a family by making a parole visa available to Orlando.

Sincerely,

BETTY KRAMER, *President.*

FOUNDATION FOR THE ADOPTION OF ABANDONED CHILDREN,
Bogota, Colombia, February 4, 1972.

To Whom It May Concern:

Mercedes Rosario de Martinez, being duly sworn, deposes and says: That she is over the age of 21 and resides in Bogota, Colombia; That

she is the Legal Representative and Director of the Foundation for the Adoption of Abandoned Children, FANA, with Juridical Solicitorship acknowledged by the Ministry of Justice of the Government of Colombia by Resolution No. 262 of February 4, 1972;

That the minor Orlando Garzon who was referred to FANA for adoption, after his abandonment was verified, is blind and has no use of his legs; That according to medical releases the child can recover his sight if he be allowed to go to the United States to seek medical help; That we do not have in Colombia the equipment necessary for the treatment of this child.

That with braces and special therapy the child can also recover the use of his legs thus becoming a useful person to society. Again, we do not have medical means in Colombia and therefore the child must be taken to the United States for treatment.

That the said Orlando Garzon has been in our institution since March 19, 1975 at which time the said child was in extremely poor health conditions due to malnutrition and other afflictions.

That it is very expensive for our institution to keep the above mentioned child and it has been decided that he be placed in another institution where his condition, we are sure, will deteriorate;

That since the time the aforementioned child came to FANA, efforts have been made to find him an adoptive home, without success;

That I have met both Mr. and Mrs. Lindgreen and believe that they are capable to care for Orlando's physical and emotional needs, and that they meet all the requirements of our institution and Government as prospective adoptive parents;

That if further information is needed, the undersigned will be more than pleased to furnish it upon request.

Very truly yours,

MERCEDES ROSARIO DE MARTINEZ,
Legal Representative.

Mr. Nolan, the author of a companion bill (H.R. 13802) recommended the enactment of this legislation and submitted the following statement in support of his bill:

STATEMENT OF THE HONORABLE RICHARD NOLAN

I am pleased to submit this statement in support of H.R. 13802, a private bill for the relief of Orlando Garzon. Orlando is a four-year-old child from Columbia who was abandoned by his parents. He is partially blind and has post-polio paralysis. Arnold and Joyce Lindgren, a couple from Olivia, Minnesota with an immense capacity for love and care, wish to adopt Orlando.

Because of Orlando's handicaps, it has been impossible to find suitable parents for him in Columbia. In addition, facilities in Bogota do not permit the medical attention Orlando requires. If Orlando is provided medical attention in this country, surgery may well restore his sight and therapy will make it possible for him to walk again.

Reverend and Mrs. Lindgren are a remarkable couple who have provided great love and tenderness to several biological and adoptive children. Two of these children are foreign-born and have received very special attention from the Lindgrens. Nicole, a 2½-year-old

child from Columbia, has had two eye operations at the University of Minnesota and her sight has improved substantially. Another child of the Lindgrens, once labeled as retarded, is now succeeding beautifully in a regular third grade reading group.

Everyone who knows the Lindgrens believe they are an exceptional family. They have received the highest praise from friends, neighbors, and teachers. Both private and public adoption agencies in Minnesota have approved the adoption and support swift action by the Congress.

With the medical assistance available to Orlando in the United States and the extraordinary love and care the Lindgrens have to offer, Orlando's life could be dramatically changed for the better. I strongly urge my colleagues to approve this measure.

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.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 3485), as amended, 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 Orlando Garzón.

*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, Orlando Garzón may be classified as a child within the meaning of section 101(a)(1)(F) of the Act, upon approval of a petition filed in his behalf by Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lindgren, citizens of the United States, pursuant to section 204 of the Act and the provisions of section 245(c) of that Act 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.*

Sec. 2. Section 204(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, relating to the number of petitions which may be approved, shall be inapplicable in this case.

~~*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*~~

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