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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
October 13, 1976

ACTION

Last Day: October 19

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
FROM: JIM CANNON *J. Cannon*
SUBJECT: S. 3556 - Relief of Marciano Santiago and his wife, Eleanor L. Santiago

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Attached for your consideration is S. 3556, sponsored by Senator Metcalf.

The enrolled bill would grant permanent residence to an alien physician and his wife in order to permit him to practice medicine in Montana. Montana law requires that a physician be either a permanent resident or U.S. citizen.

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 bill.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign S. 3556 at Tab B.



OCT 14 1976



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

OCT 11 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bill S. 3556 - Relief of Marciano
Santiago and his wife, Eleanor L. Santiago
Sponsors - Sen. Mansfield (D) Montana and
Sen. Metcalf (D) Montana

Last Day for Action

October 19, 1976 - Tuesday

Purpose

To grant permanent residence to an alien physician and his wife in order to permit him to practice medicine in Montana.

Agency Recommendations

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

Discussion

The beneficiaries are natives and citizens of the Philippines. Dr. and Mrs. Santiago have three children, two of whom are U.S. citizens by birth.

Dr. Santiago completed his medical internship and residence in the United States and is licensed to practice medicine in both New York and New Jersey. Mrs. Santiago received a medical degree in the Philippines in 1966, but she has not practiced medicine in the United States. The Santiagos have moved to Montana, but Dr. Santiago is ineligible to practice medicine there, because Montana law requires that a physician be either a permanent resident or a U.S. citizen in order to be licensed to practice medicine in that State.

S. 3556 would grant permanent resident immigrant status to Dr. and Mrs. Santiago upon payment of the required visa fee, thereby enabling Dr. Santiago to obtain a license to practice medicine in Montana. In addition, the enrolled bill would direct the Department of State to reduce, accordingly, the number of preference visas available to the Philippines.

James M. Frey
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosures

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

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Date: October 11

Time: 1000pm

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FOR ACTION: Dick Parsons *DP*
NSC/S *NS*
Max Friedersdorf *MF*
Bobbie Kilberg *BK*

cc (for information): Jack Mark *JM*
Ed Schmults
Steve McConahey *SM*

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: October 13

Time: 500pm

SUBJECT:

H. 3556-Relief of Marciana Santiago and his wife
Eleanor L. Santiago

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

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

5702

October 13, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES M. CANNON

FROM: Jeanne W. Davis *JWD*

SUBJECT: *for* S. 3556

The NSC Staff concurs with the proposed enrolled bill S. 3556-Relief of Marciana Santiago and his wife Eleanor L. Santiago.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO

Washington 25, D.C.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

OCT 6 1976

AND REFER TO THIS FILE NO.

A14 945 811

TO : OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

SUBJECT: Enrolled Private Bill No. S. 3556; Office of Management
and Budget request dated October 5, 1976.

Beneficiary or Beneficiaries Marciano Santiago and his wife,
Eleanor L. Santiago.

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

OCT 7 1976

Dear Mr. Lynn:

Reference is made to Mr. Frey's communication of October 5, 1976, transmitting for comment enrolled bills, S. 3682, "For the relief of Doctor Oscar J. Briseno", S. 3683, "For the relief of Doctor Juan Bautista Lopez Ruiz", and S. 3556, "For the relief of Marciano Santiago and his wife, Eleanor L. Santiago".

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.

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Approve. RP

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MARCIANO SANTIAGO AND HIS WIFE,
ELEANOR L. SANTIAGO

SEPTEMBER 22, 1976.—Ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany S. 3556]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 3556), for the relief of Marciano Santiago and his wife, Eleanor L. Santiago, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with amendments and recommends that the bill, as amended, do pass.

AMENDMENTS

1. Beginning on line 3, strike the language:

That notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (14) of section 212(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, for the purposes of the administration of such Act,

and insert in lieu thereof the following:

That, for the purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act,

2. On line 4, page 2, strike the word "alien's" and insert in lieu thereof the word "aliens'".

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill, as amended, is to grant the status of permanent residence in the United States to the beneficiaries. The bill provides for the payment of the required visa fees and for appropriate visa number deductions. The bill has been amended in accordance with established precedents.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiaries of the bill are husband and wife, natives and citizens of the Philippines. They are 39 years of age and 36 years of age, respectively. The beneficiaries are the parents of three children, two of whom are United States citizens. Marciano Santiago received a medical degree in the Philippines in 1966. He completed his internship and residency in the United States and was employed at Mercer Medical Center until he moved to Terry, Montana on August 17, 1976. Dr. Santiago wishes to practice medicine in Terry, but will be unable to do so until his immigration status is adjusted.

A letter, with attached memorandum, dated September 17, 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., September 17, 1976.

A14-945-811.

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. 3556) for the relief of Marciano Santiago and his wife, Eleanor L. Santiago, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiaries.

The bill would grant the beneficiaries permanent residence in the United States as of the date of its enactment upon payment of the required visa fees. It would also direct that visa number deductions be made.

The beneficiaries, natives of the Philippines, are chargeable to the third preference 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 S. 3556

The beneficiaries, whose full names are Marciano Bautista Santiago and Eleanor Lacaya Santiago, are natives and citizens of the Philippines born on July 14, 1937 and July 1, 1940, respectively. They married in the Philippines on July 16, 1965 and three children were born of their marriage: Mayumi Mae born February 15, 1966 in the Philippines, Emmanuel born March 27, 1970 in the United States and Meleilaini born April 26, 1974 also in the United States. The Santiagos reside in Terry, Montana. Dr. Santiago's parents are presently in the United States as nonimmigrant visitors for pleasure and he has one sister, whom he states is a United

States citizen residing in Germany. Mrs. Santiago's parents reside in the Philippines.

Dr. Santiago obtained his medical degree in the Philippines in 1966. He completed his medical internship and residency in the United States and received his New York medical license in 1974 and his New Jersey license in 1975. He stated that he was employed at Mercer Medical Center in Trenton, New Jersey at a salary of \$40,000 per year from January 1, 1975 until he moved to Terry, Montana on August 17, 1976. He stated he has not been employed since that date. Mrs. Santiago received a medical degree in the Philippines in 1966. She has not been employed in the United States. The Santiagos stated that their total assets consist of the following: \$1,300 in a checking account, a car, and household goods. They stated they have no savings.

Dr. Santiago was first admitted to the United States as a nonimmigrant exchange visitor on January 15, 1968 and was granted yearly extensions of stay. He established a third preference priority date of January 25, 1971 in the issuance of a immigrant visa. Dr. Santiago remained in the United States until February 1975 when he departed for a brief trip to the Philippines. On March 7, 1975 he was paroled into the United States for an indefinite period of time. Mrs. Santiago was admitted to this country as the dependent of an exchange visitor on June 25, 1969, together with her child, Mayumi Mae. Mrs. Santiago departed from the United States in 1972, was readmitted as the dependent of an exchange visitor on October 27, 1972, and has resided here continuously since then.

Senator Mike Mansfield, the author of the bill, submitted the following supporting information:

U.S. SENATE,
OFFICE OF THE MAJORITY LEADER,
Washington, D.C., July 1, 1976.

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

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Enclosed is a letter I have received from Bert Lee, Administrator of the Prairie Community Hospital, along with some additional documents supporting my Private Relief Bill S. 3556 benefiting Dr. Marciano Santiago, Jr.

Included in the attachments is an agreement between the hospital and Dr. Santiago that he will agree to remain in Terry, Montana for a minimum of six years once his immigration status is adjusted. Hopefully this material will be helpful in expediting action of this bill. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

With best personal wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

MIKE MANSFIELD.

Enclosure.

PRAIRIE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL,
Terry, Mont., June 22, 1976.

HON. MIKE MANSFIELD,
Office of the Majority Leader,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR: This will acknowledge receipt of your letter to Attorney John R. Prater and also my telephone conversation with your Mr. Ray Dockstader regarding Terry's efforts to obtain the services of Dr. Marciano Santiago, Jr., a Filipino who desires to practice medicine in Terry but who's permanent residency status is being held up.

We have obtained an agreement between our hospital association and Dr. Santiago with respect to his willingness to remain in Terry for a minimum of six years to be cancelled only by mutual agreement. I am enclosing two copies. I am also enclosing copy of letter to me from William J. Dougherty, M.D., Director of Medical Affairs at the Mercer Medical Center, Trenton, New Jersey, where Dr. Santiago is now working. Of course a full and complete data of Dr. Santiago's qualification and training have been submitted to the Montana Medical Licensing Board in Dr. Santiago's application to practice medicine in Montana. The Montana Licensing Board has informed me that they have received all the necessary application information except the residency-citizenship requirement. With respect to our need for a doctor in Terry, it goes without saying that without a doctor our new hospital will be forced to close and the impact on the town and county would be disastrous. We were without a doctor from July 1972 to July 1973 after which a National Health Service Corps physician was here from July 1973 to July 1975. On July 1975 Dr. Lorance T. Krogstad a 64-year-old physician offered to help us with a limited medical practice until we could secure a full time physician. We have gone all out to get a doctor from our advertisement in January 1975 up until we were lucky to find out about Dr. Santiago in April, 1976 after having spent considerable time and money contacting agencies, medical schools, etc. It looks like Dr. Santiago will be the answer to our prayers, is fully qualified as both a General Practice physician and a General Surgeon.

I hope the agreement and information I am enclosing will help to allay any questions raised by Immigration. We all cannot thank you enough for helping us as this is a most important problem to be solved and if anyone can solve it you can do it.

Most sincerely yours,

BERT LEE, *Administrator.*

MERCER MEDICAL CENTER,
Trenton, N.J., May 3, 1976.

MR. BERT LEE,
Administrator,
Prairie Community Hospital,
Terry, Mont.

DEAR MR. LEE: You have inquired concerning Dr. Marciano B. Santiago.

Dr. Santiago was appointed to the Active Staff of this hospital on November 25, 1975 in the Department of Emergency Services follow-

ing submission of an application which indicated that he had been trained in medicine at the Far Eastern University in Manila. He graduated in 1966. He completed an internship of one years duration at the Elizabeth General Hospital in Elizabeth, New Jersey on December 31, 1968. He took residencies at the Jewish Memorial Hospital in New York from 1969 to 1971 and 1972 to 1973. He had a residency also at Bellevue Medical Center from July, 1971 to June, 1972. His post graduate education followed with a fellowship in general surgery at the LaGuardia Hospital in Forest Hills, New York from July, 1974 to the time of his application in this hospital on May 5, 1975.

His credentials were reviewed in depth by the Credentials Committee of this hospital and he was recommended to the Medical Staff and thus his appointment. He was eligible for certification by the American Board of Surgery in July, 1973.

I trust that this information will serve your purpose.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. DOUGHERTY, MD.,
Director of Medical Affairs.

AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES

This agreement, made and entered this 22d day of June, 1976, by and between Dr. Marciano Santiago, Jr., presently of Newark, New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as First Party, and Prairie County Hospital Association, a Montana Non-profit Corporation, hereinafter referred to as Second Party,

WITNESSETH: It is understood by and between the parties hereto that First Party wishes to practice medicine in the Town of Terry, County of Prairie, State of Montana. Second Party has caused its' officials to interview First Party, and to evaluate the credentials of said First Party, and is definitely desirous of having First Party establish a full time medical practice in the Town of Terry, County of Prairie, State of Montana. The credentials of First Party are in order, said individual being duly qualified in all respects to practice medicine in the State of Montana except for his inability at this time to meet the particular provision of Montana Law set forth in RCM (1947) 66-1027 (2) (a), requiring that he file with the Federal Department of Immigration and Naturalization a ". . . properly executed declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States". The reason for this, according to said Federal officials, is that First Party is presently a resident of the Philippines, and is currently in the United States on visa. Priority date for First Party to make application to become a permanent resident of the United States, in the ordinary course of events, will be some years in the future (please reference letter to Montana Congressional Delegation from Second Party attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference as if incorporated with particularity herein).

Now wherefor, in and for consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth and contained, the parties do hereby specifically agree as follows, to wit:

(a) Second Party will make all efforts reasonably possible to obtain a legal adjustment to existing law in order that First Party might practice medicine in the State of Montana.

(b) First Party agrees that in return for said efforts expended by Second Party in obtaining said legal adjustment, First Party will

practice medicine in the Town of Terry, County of Prairie, State of Montana, on a full time basis, for a minimum period of six (6) years from date of approval by the Montana Medical Licensing Board of his practice in Montana.

(c) Both parties agree that cancellation and rescission of this agreement shall be only by mutual agreement and with consent of both parties.

(d) Both parties agree to make every effort to abide by all rules, regulations and orders emanating from the United States Department of Immigration and Naturalization, as well as from any other duly constituted governmental authority.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands and seals this day first above set forth.

DR. MARCIANO SANTIAGO, JR.,
Party of the First Part.
PRAIRIE COUNTY HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION,
By ROY SMITH, *President.*

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
County of Mercer, ss:

On this 17th day of June, 1976, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of New Jersey, personally appeared Dr. Marciano Santiago, Jr., known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate above written.

RICHARD LOPPN,
Notary Public for State of New Jersey,
Residing at: 221 Meadow Dr. Yardley Pa.

Commission expires: October 2, 1979.

STATE OF MONTANA,
County of Prairie, ss:

On this 22 day of June, 1976, before me, a Notary Public for the State of Montana, personally appeared Roy Smith, known to me to be the President of the Prairie County Hospital Association, a Montana Non-profit Corporation, whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same on behalf of said Corporation.

TONI M. KALFELL,
Notary Public for State of Montana,
Residing at: Terry, Mont.

Commission expires: November 24, 1978.

TERRY, MONT., *June 8, 1976.*

To: Most Honorable Senator Mike Mansfield.
Most Honorable Senator Lee Metcalf.
Most Honorable Representative John F. Melcher.
Most Honorable Representative Max Baucus.
From: John R. Prater, Attorney for Prairie Community Hospital,
Terry, Montana 59349.

Subject: Montana Board of Licensing Examiners refusal to license Dr. Marciano Santiago, Jr.

DEAR SIR: May I commend you on your most courteous staff. I called your office this date and had a most rewarding discussion concerning the problem of the subject above. The problem discussed concerns said individual:

Dr. Marciano Santiago, Jr.
180 Franklin Corner Road L-2
Lawrenceville, N.J. 08648
Immigration File No. A 14-945-811
Telephone 1-609-896-1962

This individual came from the Philippines to the United States approximately five and one half years ago under the Medical Exchange Act. He applied for a visa under the third preference. Jan. 25, 1971 is his priority date for making his application to become a permanent resident. I have been informed by the Immigration Department in Newark, New Jersey (Ms. Archibald at 201-645-3350) which presently has his file, that they are processing individuals with priority dates of April 1970 and that there is presently great delay in processing individuals from the Philippines and that they do not know how much time might lapse until they will consider individuals with dates in January 1971. As soon as they would process him he could then file for his permanent residency, which would entitle him to file and execute his declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States (as required by Montana pursuant to RCM (1947) 66-1027 (2) (a). Five years after obtaining his permanent residency he can file his application for naturalization.

Terry needs a doctor. This doctor is completely qualified except for his inability to meet the provision of the above cited statute. This situation has been discussed in detail with the Montana Board of Examiners, the Montana Medical Association, the United States Immigration Department, as well as various other agencies and individuals. It has become apparent that the situation afforded the doctor from India who under similar circumstances was allowed to practice in Malta, Montana is perhaps the most feasible solution. I have been advised that the Montana Congressional Delegation was responsible for this most worthwhile result. Dr. Santiago has already resigned his position with the Mercer Medical Center in Trenton, New Jersey, has obtained housing in Terry, Montana, and has made arrangements to move he and his family to our community. He is to be here by 1 July, 1976, unless of course, he is precluded from obtaining a Montana license. Our present doctor has practiced for very many years, and would be most appreciative of assistance. The assistance Dr. Santiago might provide would, we are sure, be of the highest caliber and be of a great community and county benefit.

We all realize how busy your office is and the very important State, National, and International problems you face daily. However, this problem is of the utmost importance to our health and welfare and any assistance your office might provide would be most appreciated by the residents of our area.

Very truly yours,

JOHN R. PRATER,
Attorney at Law.

U.S. SENATE,
OFFICE OF THE MAJORITY LEADER,
Washington, D.C., June 15, 1976.

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

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Senator Metcalf and I have introduced S. 3556, a private relief bill in behalf of Dr. Marciano Santiago, Jr., a citizen of the Philippines currently living in New Jersey, who has indicated a willingness to move to Terry, Montana, to become their resident physician.

Terry is a small community that has encountered great difficulty in finding a doctor. Because of provisions in the Montana state laws, Dr. Santiago cannot meet the state licensing requirements until he can file a declaration of intention to become a U.S. citizen. Apparently, this process cannot now be accomplished under existing Immigration laws; thus, we have introduced this private relief bill. This is a matter of urgency and we ask that the Subcommittee on Immigration contact the Immigration Service and ask for an expeditious report on the bill.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from John R. Prater, an attorney for the Prairie Community Hospital at Terry, which gives additional background information. We are also anticipating some additional information in the near future which will be passed along to the Committee.

Any consideration that can be given this matter will be most appreciated.

Thanking you, and with best personal wishes, I am,
Sincerely yours,

MIKE MANSFIELD.

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Very truly yours,

JOHN R. PRATER,
Attorney at Law.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 3556), 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 Marciano Santiago and his wife, Eleanor L. Santiago.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Marciano Santiago and Eleanor L. Santiago shall be held and considered to have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of the date of the enactment of this Act upon payment of the required visa fees. Upon the granting of permanent residence to such aliens as provided for in this Act, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper officer to reduce by the required numbers, during the current fiscal year or the fiscal year next following, the total number of immigrant visas in conditional entries which are made available to the natives of the country of the aliens' birth under paragraphs (1) through (8) of section 203(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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