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THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JIM CANNON *JC*

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

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

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

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

RECOMMENDATION

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



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

AUG 12 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bills

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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	Approval
Department of State	No objection

Discussion

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

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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.

A19 274 523

TO : OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

SUBJECT: Enrolled Private Bill No. H.R. 6392; Office of Management
and Budget request dated August 9, 1976.

Beneficiary or Beneficiaries Koviljka C. Clendenen.

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. 6392, "For the relief of Koviljka C. Clendenen", H.R. 7882, "For the relief of Leonor Young", and H.R. 7908, "For the relief of Edward Drag".

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

Sincerely yours,

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

Kempton B. Jenkins
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

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

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(Signed) James M. Frey

Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

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KOVILJKA C. CLENDENEN

NOVEMBER 6, 1975.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 6392]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 6392), for the relief of Koviljka C. Clendenen, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendment and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

On page 1, line 8, strike out the word "Act." and substitute in lieu thereof the following:

"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."

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of this bill, as amended, is to facilitate the adjustment of status to permanent residence of the adopted daughter of citizens of the United States. The bill has been amended in accordance with established precedents.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The beneficiary of this bill is a 20-year-old native and citizen of Yugoslavia who was admitted to the United States as a Student in 1971 and was adopted in Iowa in July of 1973 by her aunt and uncle, citizens of the United States, with whom she has resided since her admission to the country.

The pertinent facts in this case are contained in a letter dated September 30, 1975, from the Commissioner of Immigration and Natural-



ization to the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary. That letter and enclosures read as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,
Washington, D.C., September 30, 1975.

A19 274 523.

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. 6392) for the relief of Koviljka C. Clendenen, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary and interested parties.

The bill provides that the twenty-year-old adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilber G. Clendenen may be classified as a child and be granted immediate relative status.

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

Sincerely,

L. F. CHAPMAN, Sr.,
Commissioner.

Enclosure.

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION
SERVICE FILES RE H.R. 6392

The beneficiary, Koviljka C. Clendenen, a native and citizen of Yugoslavia, was born December 23, 1954. She is unmarried and has resided with the interested parties since her arrival in the United States as a nonimmigrant student on September 13, 1971. She graduated from high school in the United States and recently completed two years at Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, majoring in law enforcement. She aspires to obtain a degree in law. Her natural mother is deceased and her father still resides in Yugoslavia.

On July 18, 1973, the beneficiary was legally adopted by her aunt and uncle, the interested parties. The interested parties are the only relatives she has in the United States. A certified copy of the adoption decree is attached.

Wilbur G. and Virginia Glendenen, the interested parties, are citizens of the United States. Mr. Glendenen was born May 11, 1932, in Oneida, Iowa, and Mrs. Clendenen was born October 12, 1936, in Yugoslavia, but derived United States citizenship through her father. Both the interested parties are employed, he as a millwright and she in general office work, and have a combined annual income of over \$28,000. Their combined assets, including their three bedroom home, duplex rental property, stocks, bonds, savings, and profit sharing, would amount to more than \$50,000. They have double indemnity life insurance in the amount of \$10,000 and \$15,000 made to surviving spouse, with their adoptive daughter as alternate beneficiary. The

interested parties have expressed their desire to continue supporting the beneficiary as in any normal filial relationship and assisting her in completing her college aspirations. Neither interested party has any other dependents. Mr. Clendenen's previous marriage ended in divorce in 1959, and his three offspring are grown.

Deportation proceedings have not been instituted against the beneficiary.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF IOWA, IN AND FOR LINN COUNTY

No. 3919, Decree of adoption

In the Matter of the Adoption

of

KOVILJKA DRAGISIC,

A MINOR CHILD

Now on this 18th day of July 1973, this matter coming on for hearing before this Court, upon the petition of Wilbur G. Clendenen and Virginia M. Clendenen, filed herein for the adoption of Koviljka Dragisic, and it appearing to the Court that due notice has been given and due inquiry and investigation made, and it further appearing to the Court that this Court has jurisdiction of the subject matter and of the parties herein, and the matter having progressed to hearing and the Court having verified the allegations of the Petition and having examined the conditions and antecedents of Koviljka Dragisic, the proposed adopted, for the purpose of ascertaining whether she is a proper subject for adoption, and having made appropriate inquiry to determine whether the proposed home is a suitable one for the child, finds:

That the allegations of said Petition for Adoption are true, that said Koviljka Dragisic is a proper subject for adoption, and that said Koviljka Dragisic has lived in the proposed home of the proposed adoptive parents continuously from and after September 13, 1971, and that the proposed home is a suitable one for said Koviljka Dragisic.

The Court further finds that the said Koviljka Dragisic's mother is dead, and that the natural father of Koviljka Dragisic, namely, Drago Dragisic, has executed his consent to the prayer of the petition filed herein, on July 6, 1973, said consent being filed herein. The Court further finds that Koviljka Dragisic was born on December 23, 1954, as evidenced by a certified copy of her birth certificate filed herein.

Whereupon, the Court being satisfied from the evidence and investigation as to the identity and relationship of the persons concerned, and that the petitioner is able properly to rear and educate said Koviljka Dragisic and provide a suitable home for her, finds that the Petition for Adoption should be granted.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed that Koviljka Dragisic be and she is adopted to Wilbur G. Clendenen and Virginia M. Clendenen, of Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa, and that from the date of this decree, she shall be the child of the said Wilbur G. Clendenen

and Virginia M. Clendenen, and the rights, duties, and relationships between said daughter and parents by adoption shall be the same that exist between parents and children by lawful birth, and the right of inheritance from each other shall be the same as between natural parents and child.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the name of said child, pursuant to the prayer of the petition filed herein, and the consent of the child filed herein, is hereby changed to Koviljka C. Clendenen, by which name she shall hereafter be known.

Judge of the Sixth Judicial District of Iowa.

State of Iowa, }
LINN COUNTY } ss.

I, Kenneth L. Perry, Clerk of the District Court of Iowa, in and for Linn County, which is a Court of Record and having a seal and exercising Common Law, Equity, Criminal and Probate Jurisdiction, hereby certify that I am the custodian of the Seal of said Court, custodian of the files and records kept therein, and I further certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Decree of Adoption In The Matter of the Adoption of Koviljka Dragisic, A Minor Child. No. 3919 as fully as the same remains of record or on file in my office.

Witness my hand and Seal of said Court hereto affixed at my office in Cedar Rapids, in said County and State on this 19th day of July, 1973.

KENNETH L. PERRY, Sr.,
Clerk of said court.
CAROLYN M. LINDSEY,
Deputy clerk of said court.

On October 1, 1975, the Department of State submitted a report on this legislation which reads as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D.C., October 1, 1975.

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

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In reference to your request for a report concerning the case of Koviljka C. Clendenen, beneficiary of H.R. 6392, 94th Congress, there is enclosed a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary. This memorandum has been submitted by the American Embassy at Belgrade, where the beneficiary was issued a nonimmigrant visa.

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 Wilbur G. Clendenen and Virginia M. Clendenen, American citizens.

Sincerely,

ROBERT J. McCLOSKEY,
*Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations.*

Enclosure: Memorandum of information.

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION CONCERNING H.R. 6392 FOR THE RELIEF OF KOVILJKA C. CLENDENEN, SUBMITTED BY THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA

The beneficiary was born on December 23, 1954, at Jablanica, Yugoslavia. She is single and presently residing with her U.S. citizen adoptive parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Clendenen, 1819 Washington Street, S.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 52403.

According to information available to INS, her natural mother is deceased and her natural father lives in Jablanica, Yugoslavia. Also according to INS, the beneficiary was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Clendenen on July 18, 1973. It is not known whether she has other relatives in the U.S. or abroad.

On September 3, 1971, the beneficiary was issued an F-1 visa, in the name of Koviljka C. Dragisic, by the Embassy good for multiple entries and valid through September 3, 1972. She was destined to Kirkwood Community College, 6301 Bowling Street, S.W., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The beneficiary is chargeable to the foreign state limitation of Yugoslavia. The Embassy does not know if a petition has been filed in her behalf.

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

OCTOBER 30, 1975.

STATEMENT OF THE HONORABLE MICHAEL T. BLOUIN IN SUPPORT OF
H.R. 6392

I appreciate the opportunity to submit a statement in support of my bill, H.R. 6392.

The beneficiary of this legislation in Koviljka C. (Dragisic) Clendenen, the adopted child of Wilbur and Virginia Clendenen of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Koviljka will be twenty-one years old this coming December, and has resided with her adoptive parents since she was sixteen years old, first entering this country to attend school after her natural father requested that she leave his home. Her natural mother is deceased, and her father in Yugoslavia has remarried and refuses to provide support or care in any form for his daughter. At the time of her arrival in the United States in 1971, she had received the equivalent of only a fourth grade education, spoke no English, and her only possessions were the clothes she wore.

Since her adoption on July 18, 1973, Koviljka's only family is her adopted family in the United States. Currently, Koviljka is attending Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids working toward a degree in Criminal Justice and plans a career in law.

Koviljka's adoptive parents, Wilbur and Virginia Clendenen, have been married for fourteen years and have no other children or dependents. Both Wilbur and Virginia are employed, thus being able to provide for Koviljka's support and welfare very well. They are an active and closely knit family, and spend a great deal of time together,

especially during the times when Koviljka needed extra help with her English-language studies and her academic pursuits in general. In my conversations with the family, I have been able to observe what a loving relationship exists between this young woman and her parents, and to see this girl returned to Yugoslavia would be a most extreme hardship to her as well as to her adoptive parents.

MICHAEL T. BLOUIN,
Member of Congress.

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 H.R. 6392, amended, should be enacted and accordingly recommends that the bill do pass.

Calendar No. 1039

94TH CONGRESS }
2d Session }

SENATE

{ REPORT
No. 94-1105

KOVILJKA C. CLENDENEN

AUGUST 4, 1976.—Ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 6392]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 6392) for the relief of Koviljka C. Clendenen, 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 to permanent residence of the adopted daughter of citizens of the United States.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a 21-year-old native and citizen of Yugoslavia who was admitted to the United States as a student in 1971 and was adopted in Iowa in July of 1973 by her aunt and uncle, citizens of the United States, with whom she has resided since her admission to this country.

A letter, with attached memorandum, dated September 30, 1975 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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inheritance from each other shall be the same as between natural parents and child.

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Judge of the Sixth Judicial District of Iowa.

State of Iowa, ss.
LINN COUNTY

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Clerk of said court.

CAROLYN M. LINDSEY,
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The beneficiary was born on December 23, 1954, at Jablanica, Yugoslavia. She is single and presently residing with her U.S. citizen adoptive parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Clendenen, 1819 Washington Street, S.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403.

According to information available to INS, her natural mother is deceased and her natural father lives in Jablanica, Yugoslavia. Also according to INS, the beneficiary was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Clendenen on July 18, 1973. It is not known whether she has other relatives in the U.S. or abroad.

On September 3, 1971, the beneficiary was issued an F-1 visa, in the name of Koviljka C. Dragisic, by the Embassy good for multiple entries and valid through September 3, 1972. She was destined to Kirkwood Community College, 6301 Bowling Street, S.W., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The beneficiary is chargeable to the foreign state limitation of Yugoslavia. The Embassy does not know if a petition has been filed in her behalf.

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

Congressman Michael T. Blouin, the author of the bill, has submitted the following statement in connection with the case:

OCTOBER 30, 1975.

STATEMENT OF THE HONORABLE MICHAEL T. BLOUIN IN SUPPORT OF
H.R. 6392

I appreciate the opportunity to submit a statement in support of my bill, H.R. 6392.

The beneficiary of this legislation is Koviljka C. (Dragisic) Clendenen, the adopted child of Wilbur and Virginia Clendenen of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Koviljka will be twenty-one years old this coming December, and has resided with her adoptive parents since she was sixteen years old, first entering this country to attend school after her natural father requested that she leave his home. Her natural mother is deceased, and her father in Yugoslavia has remarried and refuses to provide support or care in any form for his daughter. At the time of her arrival in the United States in 1971, she had received the equivalent of only a fourth grade education, spoke no English, and her only possessions were the clothes she wore.

Since her adoption on July 18, 1973, Koviljka's only family is her adopted family in the United States. Currently, Koviljka is attending Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids working toward a degree in Criminal Justice and plans a career in law.

Koviljka's adoptive parents, Wilbur and Virginia Clendenen, have been married for fourteen years and have no other children or dependents. Both Wilbur and Virginia are employed, thus being able

to provide for Koviljka's support and welfare very well. They are an active and closely knit family, and spend a great deal of time together, especially during the times when Koviljka needed extra help with her English-language studies and her academic pursuits in general. In my conversations with the family, I have been able to observe what a loving relationship exists between this young woman and her parents, and to see this girl returned to Yugoslavia would be a most extreme hardship to her as well as to her adoptive parents.

MICHAEL T. BLOUIN,
Member of Congress.

Senator John C. Culver submitted the following letter dated February 27, 1976 with reference to the bill:

U.S. SENATE,
Washington, D.C., February 27, 1976.

HON. JAMES O. EASTLAND,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I wish to bring to your attention a meritorious case for private relief which is now pending before the Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization. H.R. 6392, which has recently passed the House of Representatives, provides for the relief of Koviljka Clendenen, a young woman who now lives with her adoptive parents in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Miss Clendenen was born in Yugoslavia and came to the United States in 1971 at the age of 16. While she only had a fourth grade education at the time of her arrival, she has conscientiously pursued her academic studies and is currently majoring in law enforcement at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids.

I first became familiar with this case a number of years ago when I was a member of the House of Representatives. The Clendenens are respected members of the community and they will provide love and affection for Koviljka, and have the means with which to provide for her financial support. They have no other children and, in addition to being her adoptive parents, also are her natural aunt and uncle.

In my judgment, this is a case of genuine merit, and I would appreciate the Committee giving every appropriate consideration to this bill.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

JOHN C. CULVER.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H.R. 6392) should be enacted.

Ninety-fourth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

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

An Act

For the relief of Koviljka C. Clendenen.

*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, Koviljka C. Clendenen 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 Wilbur G. Clendenen and Virginia M. Clendenen, 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.*