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Office of the White House Press Secretary
-----NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 11407 - Admission of foreign nationals to the Coast Guard Academy. This bill authorizes the admission of 12 additional foreign nationals to the Coast Guard Academy.

H.R. 11407 will authorize the admission of 36 foreign nationals to the Coast Guard Academy for training purposes.

Under current law, cadets from the Philippines receive the same pay and allowances as other cadets, paid for by the United States. All other foreign nationals must receive all pay, allowances, emoluments and travel from their own countries. At State's request, DOT's proposal would have continued this arrangement. The bill will provide that all cadets receive the same pay and allowances as U.S. cadets. It would also require, however, that all foreign countries must agree in advance to reimburse the United States for such pay and allowances, thus eliminating the special arrangement for Philippine cadets. The Secretary of Transportation could, under the bill, waive the reimbursement requirement for any country.

The President has signed H.R. 8119 - Relief of Fernando Alves Macos. This bill authorizes issuance of an immigrant visa to the alien husband and father of United States citizens whose immigrant visa was previously revoked for fraudulently marrying another U.S. citizen for the purpose of evading immigration law.

H.R. 8119 will waive current law's bar against Mr. Macos and authorize approval of an immediate relative petition filed by Mrs. Macos. This would permit the issuance of a new immigrant visa to Mr. Macos and enable him to rejoin his family in Connecticut.

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