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167312

September 7, 1983

Dear Mr. Dunlop:

Thank you for writing and expressing your ^{re:} interest in helping children who need organ transplants. I'm very well aware of the fine efforts you and your colleagues made to help little Brandon Hall. We all, of course, wanted him to live -- but God chose Brandon to live with Him.

There is a great need to educate the public on organ donorship. Many Americans would give the gift of life if they were aware of the problems faced by fellow citizens in need of a transplant. Your radio station has taken a lead role in informing people on the issues of organ transplants. I commend you for your past efforts and urge you to keep up your good work. As long as all of us continue to care about our brothers and sisters in need of an organ transplant, we will know that little Brandon did not die in vain.

I thought you would like to have a copy of my radio address to the nation on organ transplants.

May God bless you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN A

The Reverend Larry Dunlop
Post Office Box 37
Walnut, Mississippi 38683

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August 9, 1983

President Ronald Reagan
White house
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Reagan,

Words can never adequately express my appreciation for your encouragement and interest in little Brandon Hall's fight. It's nice to know we have a president who is sincerely concerned in cases like this. I know you've gotten a lot of criticism that you aren't interested in the poor and needy; rest assured when we hear it we set them straight.

If there is ever anything I can do to help you, please let me know. I will fight for you as vigorously as I did for Brandon. We need you for another term.

Thank you again for your help. You are in our prayers.

Sincerely,
Rev. Larry Dunlap

"Your Living Music Station"

P. O. BOX 37, WALNUT, MISSISSIPPI 38683

DRAFT/Date August 26, 1983

RR / MB / /
(Drafter) (Rev. I) (Rev. II)

AVH / /

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Dear Rev. Dunlop:

ID # 167360

WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

HE005

☐ O - OUTGOING☐ H - INTERNAL☒ I - INCOMINGDate Correspondence
Received (YY/MM/DD)

83/08/03

Name of Correspondent:

Michael Chan

☐ MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) (B) (C)

Subject:

Individual needs a kidney transplant.
Suggests that states issue drivers
licenses requiring drivers to be
organ donors.

ROUTE TO:

ACTION

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Refer - 9/19

Due - 9/27

October 3, 1983

Mr. Michael H. Chan
1225 Walnut Street
Monessen, Pa. 15062

Dear Mr. Chan:

The White House has asked us to reply to your letter concerning the need for organ donors.

You might be interested in knowing that President Reagan asked the Public Health Service to convene a group of experts to discuss ways to increase the supply of organs for transplantation. Last June the Surgeon General assembled representatives of existing organizations involved in organ procurement. One result was the formation of the American Council of Transplantation. A major part of the new Council's program will be to educate the public and the medical profession on the need for donated organs.

Your suggestion—to require all drivers licenses to indicate if a person wishes to be an organ donor—would probably need to be done at the state level. As an example, the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act, which provides for the donation of bodies and organs, has been adopted in some form by all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

I am forwarding your suggestion to the American Council on Transplantation for its consideration.

Best wishes to you and your daughter in obtaining a kidney for transplantation.

Sincerely yours,

Storm Whaley
Associate Director for
Communications

cc: American Council on Transplantation
c/o Dr. Gary Friedlaender
Section of Orthopedic Surgery
Yale University School of Medicine
33 Cedar Street
New Haven, Connecticut 06510

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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REFERRAL

SEPTEMBER 12, 1983

TO: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 167360

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JULY 29, 1983

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. MICHAEL H. CHAN
1225 WALNUT STREET
MONESSEN PA 15062

SUBJECT: INDIVIDUAL NEEDS A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT
SUGGESTS THAT STATES ISSUE DRIVER'S LICENSES
REQUIRING DRIVERS TO BE ORGAN DONORS

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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July 29, 1983.

MR. PRESIDENT

167360

My Family AND I WISH TO
THANK YOU FOR MENTIONING THE
NEED FOR ORGAN DONORS. MY
18 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER IS IN
NEED OF A KIDNEY.

I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO
SEE SOME SORT OF LEGISLATION THAT
WOULD REQUIRE ALL DRIVERS LICENSES
TO STATE IF THE PERSON WISHES TO
BE AN ORGAN DONOR.

THANK YOU AGAIN
Michael H. Elton

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ID # 167567

**WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET**

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83.08.09

Name of Correspondent: JIM G PAT O'BRIEN

☐ MI Mail Report User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: Concerned about individual who needs a liver transplant, Ethel M. Lewis

ROUTE TO:

ACTION

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	<u>HHS</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>83.09.12</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>83.10.10</u>

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October 14, 1983

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

Thank you for your letter concerning Federal funding of a heart transplant for your sister. I asked the Health Care Financing Administration to look into the question of Federal funding of a heart transplant for Mrs. Lewis. They have informed me that there are two possibilities for funding.

One possibility is restricted to persons who are entitled to Medicare benefits on the basis of their being entitled to Social Security disability benefits for a period of two years. If Mrs. Lewis is a disability beneficiary, the Medicare program has agreed to pay for a small number of heart transplants for Medicare beneficiaries under a national heart transplant study. These operations are to be performed at one of the six medical centers taking part in the study. The medical centers involved are responsible for selecting the Medicare beneficiaries to whom they furnish heart transplantation services.

The Health Care Financing Administration has told me that they believe that two of the medical centers are still accepting candidates for heart transplantation under the study. Therefore, if Mrs. Lewis is a Medicare disability beneficiary, her physician should contact one or both of the following physicians to inquire about the possibility of her being accepted as a transplant candidate under their programs:

Jack G. Copeland, M.D.
Associate Professor, Surgery Department
Chief, Section of Cardiovascular
and Thoracic Surgery
The University of Arizona Health
Sciences Center
Tucson, AZ 85721

Ronald M. Ferguson, M.D.
Department of Surgery
University of Minnesota Hospitals
Mayo Memorial Building
Minneapolis, MN 55455

The second possibility for Federal funding would be under the Medicaid program, which is jointly administered by the Federal government and the States. Under this program each State has responsibility for determining what specific services are covered under their programs, and the cost of the covered services is shared by the State and the Federal governments. Pennsylvania's Medicaid program has a general policy that it does not pay for heart transplants on the grounds that heart transplantation is an experimental procedure. However, the Pennsylvania Medicaid program also has an "exception" process, under which cases are reviewed to ascertain whether an exception to the general policy is warranted.

I have been informed that the individual you refer to in your letter, Dr. O. K. Stephenson, Director of Medical Review for the State of Pennsylvania, is indeed the individual who is responsible for evaluating requests for an exception to Pennsylvania's general Medicaid policies. If Pennsylvania decides to make an exception and cover heart transplantation services for Mrs. Lewis, the Federal government will pay its share of the cost of these services.

I hope you find this information helpful.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins
Special Assistant to the President
and Director of Correspondence

Mr. Jim O'Brien
1729 Judy Way
Edgewood, MD 21040

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DRAFT FROM HVS

NAME JIM O'BRIEN

Reviewed
& Edited by MJB

Rewritten by _____

Action Required:

To Stripping _____

To Director ✓

Other _____

APPROVED BY: _____

Mr. Jim O'Brien
1729 Judy Way
Edgewood, Maryland 21040

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

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~~This is in response to~~ your letter concerning Federal funding
of a heart transplant for your sister, ~~Mrs. Ethel M. "Sally" Lewis~~

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Revised by:OEO:ES:JSpiegel:9/23/83:X245-8678
Typist:M Sterling:X245-8370
Disc: #2 September Communications - O'Brien9/23c

Al hope you find this information helpful. ~~the~~
FP With best wishes,

Sincerely,
AVH


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

OCT 4 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

Attached is a draft response for the signature of the President to
Mr. Jim O'Brien who wrote concerning Federal funding for a heart transplant.


George W. Siguler
Chief of Staff

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Chief, Section of Cardiovascular and Thoracic
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The University of Arizona Health Sciences Center
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REFERRAL

SEPTEMBER 12, 1983

TO: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF RONALD REAGAN

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 167567

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED AUGUST 9, 1983

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. JIM O'BRIEN
1729 JUDY WAY
EDGEWOOD MD 21040

SUBJECT: CONCERNED ABOUT INDIVIDUAL WHO NEEDS A HEART
TRANSPLANT, ETHEL M. LEWIS

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
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1729 Judy Way
Edgewood, MD 21040
August 9, 1983

167567

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President
of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

MBatten
This is a plea on behalf of our sister, Mrs. Ethel M. "Sally" Lewis,
who is in need of a heart transplant.

Sally's husband, Norman, died in February, 1983, after heart bypass surgery, leaving little in the way of insurance, and no savings. Now, less than six months later, we are told that Sally, who just celebrated her 48th birthday on July 25, can not survive without a heart transplant; and she can not undergo the surgery without funding.

Sally has three children in their twenties; one is married, but the other two live at home—they all need the parent they have left. We have seen in the past several weeks the kind of action your word prompts for the children needing liver transplants—would you do as much for a parent?

We have written to Dr. O. K. Stephenson, Director of Medical Review for the State of Pennsylvania, in an effort to be awarded State funding. For any information concerning the urgency of this situation, please contact Dr. Kennedy at Saint Margaret's Hospital, Old Freeport Road, Aspinwall, Pennsylvania 15215.

We are very much aware, Mr. President, that there are many, many people today needing funding for this and other types of costly surgery, but if you any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

With kindest regards,

Jim & Pat Brien

Sister and Brother-in-Law

ID # 16756844005

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Name of Correspondent:

Richard TRIOLA☐ MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) _____

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Subject:

Successful Kidney Transplant
recipient calls Pres's attention
to the need for improved donor
PROGRAM

ROUTE TO:

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Refer 9/19
Date 127

October 3, 1983

Mr. C. Richard Triola
President
CRT Investment Management, Ltd.
9601 Wilshire Blvd.
Garden Level, Suite 25
Beverly Hills, California 90210

Dear Mr. Triola:

This is in reply to your letter to President Reagan concerning your thoughts on organ transplants. You are to be congratulated on your successful transplant of a kidney and your positive attitude toward transplants.

You will be interested in knowing that the President asked the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service to convene a workshop last June to stimulate donations of organs for transplantation. One result of the workshop was the formation last week of a national organization, the American Council on Transplantation. This non-profit organization will be composed of organizations, health professionals, and others actively interested in organ donation. Its objectives will be to motivate the public to donate voluntarily organs and tissues for transplantation; to improve donor identification and referral to organ procurement programs by health professionals; to promote the effective use of multiple organs and tissues; and to ensure equitable access to available organs.

We hope the formation of the Council plus other measures that are being undertaken by the Department of Health and Human Services will help alleviate the shortage of organs for transplantation.

Sincerely yours,

SW (10-7-83)

Storm Whaley
Associate Director for
Communications

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SEP 13 7 17 AM '83

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL

SEPTEMBER 13, 1993

TO: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 167568

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED AUGUST 21, 1983

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. RICHARD TRIOLA
PRESIDENT
CRT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, LTD.
9601 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD
GARDEN LEVEL, SUITE 25
BEVERLY HILLS CA 90210

SUBJECT: SUCCESSFUL KIDNEY TRANSPLANT RECIPIENT CALLS
PRESIDENT'S ATTENTION TO THE NEED FOR
IMPROVED DONOR PROGRAM

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
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9601 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD • GARDEN LEVEL, SUITE 25 • BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210
TELEPHONE (213) 276-8544 • 276-9295

August 21, 1983

Dear Mr. President,

Over the last year I have written you 3 or 4 letters which I never mailed. They were all complimentary on the fine job I believe you're doing - but all sounded a little too corny.

TRACER

But now I plan to complete this letter & mail it to you right away. (Please excuse this handwritten as opposed to typed - I want it to be personal as possible. Besides, my typing is worse than my handwriting.)

A couple of weeks ago you made a cry out to the public asking for a liver donor to help save a little girl's life. I thought it was such a wonderful thing that you did - what with all that is going on in your life.

BEVERLY HILLS

NEW YORK

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This brings me to the point as to why I feel this letter must be written and mailed to you.

I am one of the few lucky people who is the recipient of a very successful kidney transplant. The operation was Nov. 1, 1977 and it appears as though I am over most of the critical stages in transplantation. I am also fortunate enough to have such a loving brother and family to have donated his kidney (Jim is now 27 - I'm 33 years old).

But, as you know, there are many, many dialysis patients that are not that lucky. I have seen a number of donor programs in work before but none of which was as effective as your national plan.

Not just to save the lives of many of people who must live

BEVERLY HILLS

NEW YORK

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by the machine, just think how much
the government could save. I haven't
figured it out but @ \$150 per
treatment plus hospital, doctors, medication,
etc. The cost over the last almost
6 years has been a tremendous savings
to the government (plus the fact that
we are back to work & producing.)

I know, as I mentioned before, that
you are extremely busy and I am not
asking that you go nationwide with
your request - but I would appreciate
your helping in any way that you can.

I apologize for the length of the
letter but I am very sincere with
my wishes!

Best Warmest Regards,
Rick Pirolo

WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

☐ O - OUTGOING

☐ H - INTERNAL

☒ I - INCOMING
Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 83108117

Name of Correspondent: Veronica S. Jasperse

☐ MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) (B) (C)

Subject: Complains that a foreigner can get medical care and a citizen cannot. No response has been received to her 2 letters to DOT. She wants to know how Ghulam Mustafa Alvi received a visa - she estimates \$300,000.00 has been spent on his ROUTE TO: case.

ACTION

DISPOSITION

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ACTION CODES:

A - Appropriate Action
C - Comment/Recommendation
D - Draft Response
F - Furnish Fact Sheet to be used as Enclosure

I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary
R - Direct Reply w/Copy
S - For Signature
X - Interim Reply

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PRESIDENTIAL REPLY

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SIGNATURE CODES:

CPn - Presidential Correspondence
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 n - 1 - Ronald Wilson Reagan
 n - 2 - Ronald Reagan
 n - 3 - Ron
 n - 4 - Dutch
 n - 5 - Ron Reagan
 n - 6 - Ronald
 n - 7 - Ronnie

CLn - First Lady's Correspondence
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 n - 2 - Nancy
 n - 3 - Mrs. Ronald Reagan

CBn - Presidential & First Lady's Correspondence
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S - Sealed
T - Telegram
V - Telephone
X - Miscellaneous
Y - Study

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Ms. Veronica B. Jasperse
13015 Cleveland Drive
Rockville, MD 20850


Dear Ms. Jasperse:

Reference is made to your letter, dated August 15, 1983, to President Reagan regarding the immigration status of Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Alvi and his family.

Mr. Alvi's presence in the United States is currently under review at our Baltimore District Office, and a final determination in that regard is anticipated in the near future.

Thank you for your continued concern in this matter.

Sincerely,



Charles T. Cobb
Assistant Commissioner
Investigations

CC:

Regional Commissioner (ROINV), Eastern Region - With letter under acknowledgement and its attachments, for your information and appropriate follow-up. File A23 268 719 relates to Ghulam Mustafa Alvi, and is currently maintained at Baltimore.

Investigator Regan of your office advised on September 22, 1983 that Mr. Alvi had been processed as a B-2 overstay by Baltimore Investigations on August 11, 1983, and had been given voluntary departure. Deportation had been granting him extensions of voluntary departure since then. His current stay expires October 4, 1983, and Investigations is prepared to issue an order to show cause to him at that time.

The allegations in the attached letters are basically true. Subject entered the U.S. with an affidavit of support from a "Dr. Alve" from Washington, D.C., who disappeared after subject arrived in the U.S. He and his family have been receiving intermittent public and private charity since then. It has been confirmed that medical treatment is available to Alvi in Pakistan.

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Ms. Veronica B. Jasperse

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~~White House~~

Executive Secretariat

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

SEPTEMBER 13, 1983

TO: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 167574

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED AUGUST 15, 1983

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MS. VERONICA B. JASPERSE
13015 CLEVELAND DRIVE
ROCKVILLE MD 20850

SUBJECT: COMPLAINS THAT A FOREIGNER CAN GET MEDICAL
CARE AND A CITIZEN CANNOT; NO RESPONSE HAS
BEEN RECEIVED TO HER 2 LETTERS TO DOJ; SHE
WANTS TO KNOW WHY GHULAM MUSTAFA ALVI
RECEIVED A VISA - SHE ESTIMATES \$300,000.00
HAS BEEN SPENT ON HIS CASE

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE



13015 Cleveland Drive
Rockville, MD 20850
August 15, 1983

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

167574

Dear President Reagan:

You recently brought national attention to those in need of organ transplants, especially liver transplants. Most persons are sensitive to the plight of such individuals. As one who shares much of your political philosophy, I, too, am concerned with this issue. Therefore I feel it necessary to call your attention to one aspect of this issue.

There are persons from foreign countries who are receiving transplants in the United States at great expense to the American people. I feel the reason for this is that certain agencies of our government do not always act responsibly. My involvement with one such case and the knowledge which I have acquired over a period of three years, has led me to believe it is not an isolated one.

Enclosed you will find copies of two letters which I wrote in recent months to the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. I have not received a response to either letter.

Since March of 1980 this case has resulted in expenditures which I estimate to be in excess of \$300,000.00. The greatest percentage of this money was provided from state and federal funds. I have become increasingly aware that visitors to the United States are not eligible to receive such money.

The following circumstances indicate how this situation happened and how it continues to exist:

1. Mr. Alvi, a Pakastani suffering from renal failure, received a visitor visa for medical treatment from the U. S. Consulate in Lahore, Pakistan. He insists that he was not

required to provide the usual proof of means for support and payment for treatment. He arrived in the United States with essentially no funds. One must question how he received a visa.

2. He has received two separate kidney transplants here and unfortunately has lost both of them. He is now anticipating a third transplant. Being without funds he has not been able to contribute anything toward the huge cost of transplantation.

3. Mr. Alvi received Medicaid and public assistance for a period of two years. Both were discontinued because of ineligibility in early 1983; however, he continues to have his medical expenses fully covered with public money under the Kidney Disease Program of Maryland.

4. In May 1983 Mr. Alvi applied for and received a new, cooperatively owned, subsidized, public housing unit. He was later ordered to abandon this property when it was determined that he had falsified his application. The most disturbing fact in regard to this housing is that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has stated that they do not have a regulation which would deny a subsidy to this type of visitor. With many Americans living in substandard housing, how can we afford to provide subsidies to foreign visitors?

5. This family will be required to apply for an extension of their visa in September. At present Mr. Alvi needs kidney dialysis in order to live. This treatment costs approximately \$25,000.00 per year. Kidney dialysis is available in Pakistan; transplantation is not. Allowing him to remain here as a public charge and continue to receive kidney transplants, seems to me to be a great injustice to the American people.

I consider myself to be a compassionate person, but one who also has a sense of justice. I believe the adage, "Charity begins at home" is applicable in this situation. I feel it is the duty of the government of Pakistan to pay for the support and treatment of its citizens while in the United States. If the government is unwilling to do this, then the family should return to their country. I realize that this would require discreet action on the part of the U. S. Government, but I feel it must be done.

Members of my own family and others with whom I have worked struggle with other grave illnesses such as multiple sclerosis, cancer, heart disease, etc. without the assistance of public money. It angers me to think that a foreign visitor is able to receive from our government that which is not available to our citizens. Futhermore, I feel that if \$300,000.00 were given to the government of Pakistan for the purpose of improving health care to all its citizens, the expenditure could be justified.

The entire issue of organ transplantation is in need of scrutiny. Tissue matching and degree of illness are only two factors in determining who receives an organ. A far more complex issue is involved in patient priority. Should a person from a foreign country have a precedence over our citizens?

Respectfully,

Veronica B. Jasperse
Veronica B. Jasperse

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13015 Cleveland Drive
Rockville, MD 20850
April 26, 1983

RE: Ghulam Mustafa Alvi, Razia Alvi and children

File# A23 268 719

A23 268 720

A23 268 721

A23 268 722

Address: 257 Congressional Lane, Apt.# 114

Rockville, MD20852 Telephone-301-984-7232

District Director
Immigration & Naturalization Service
Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Sir:

This letter is intended to bring to your attention crucial facts which pertain to the case of the above referenced individuals. I feel these facts cannot continue to be unaddressed.

For three years I have volunteered my services to assist this family. I have acted as a liaison with charitable organizations and local government agencies in their behalf in order to assist them in obtaining support.

Although Mr. Alvi was admitted to the United States with a B2 visa for medical treatment, he arrived here without any means to pay for treatment, moreover, he was unable to provide for his own support.

I was requested by the Washington Hospital Center, Washington, D.C. in May 1980 to explore what help the Catholic Church might provide Mr. Alvi. As a result St. Raphaels Church, Rockville, MD agreed to pay \$11,000.00 to provide housing and food for Mr. Alvi's family during their visit to the United States. This affidavit of support did not include any of Mr. Alvi's medical expenses. This support began in September 1980. In January 1982 the Church greatly reduced the monthly contribution; having at this time exceeded the \$11,000.00. Support continued until April 1983. Enclosed is a copy of the letter which terminated this support.

The funds which the Church provided are a very small amount of the total money this family has been given. It is only through large expenditures of public money that this family has been able to remain here.

Montgomery County Social Services provided Mr. Alvi public assistance beginning in the fall of 1980 with a monthly check averaging \$156.50. More importantly, he was issued a medical assistance card at the same time. Medicaid, in conjunction with the Kidney Disease Program of Maryland, pay for all Mr. Alvi's medical expenses.

Payment for treatment received prior to 1981 has not been made. This treatment included a kidney transplant at the Washington Hospital Center. I have enclosed copies of the unpaid bills amounting to \$124,686.38. This amount does not include the cost of the surgical procedure performed on Mr. Alvi's brother who donated his kidney. It also does not include the charges for physician fees. These costs remain unpaid.

Mr. Alvi's treatment began in Maryland in January 1981 at the Shady Grove Dialysis Clinic, Gaithersburg, MD. I do not have a statement of this account.

In February 1981 he began treatment at Holy Cross Hospital, Silver Spring, MD. The enclosed copies of his account there show payment by Medicaid of \$7,269.75. This again does not include the physician fees.

Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD provided Mr. Alvi with his second kidney transplant in June, 1981. Although I do not have a statement of the expenses incurred, the cost would necessarily be similar to those of the Washington Hospital Center for transplantation. These costs and subsequent care at that facility have been paid by Medicaid.

This family has been a total liability to the people of the United States since coming here. In an attempt to change this situation, St. Raphael's Church sought information from the World Health Organization regarding the availability of treatment for Mr. Alvi in Pakistan following the successful kidney transplant. Even though the reply was affirmative, the issue now seems to have changed to responsibility. Mr. Alvi has told me repeatedly that I, the Catholic Church, and the American people must take care of him and his family.

In consulting with the coordinator for kidney transplantation at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Caro Stennett, I was informed that it is the policy of the hospital to administer health care and that the hospital would do nothing that would affect Mr. Alvi's stay or departure from this country.

Montgomery County Social Services terminated public assistance to Mr. Alvi in January 1983 due to a ruling regarding his ineligibility. I was informed by this office that this action included medical assistance.

This family is destitute. They should not be permitted to continue to beg. The situation is such that I am no longer able or wish to provide the help they need. My belief is that they should be returned to their own country. The American people have been most generous.

I have informed Mr. Charles Gordon, attorney representing this family, of their desperate situation. The appeal he filed with your office which resulted in an extension of visa did not solve the dependency problem.

I also believe that permission to work is not the solution to their problems. Their work skills are such that it is most unlikely that they will be able to earn sufficient income to meet their expenses. Only with family support, a lower standard of living and their country's public health policy can they hope to survive. Contrary to Mr. Alvi's opinion, I have not met one individual that feels that the American people owe this family anything.

It is with a great sense of urgency that I have written to you. With private and public support terminated, I anticipate a crisis. My hope is that these facts will result in a new course of action.

Sincerely yours,

Veronica B. Jasperse
Veronica B. Jasperse

Telephone-301-424-5041

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13015 Cleveland Drive
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June 29, 1983

RE: Ghulam Mustafa Alvi, Razia Alvi and
Children

File # A23 268 719
A23 268 720
A23 268 721
A23 268 722

Address: 249 Van Buren St., Rockville, MD
20850

District Director
Immigration & Naturalization Service
Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Sir:

On April 26, 1983 I wrote advising you of the impending situation facing Ghulam Mustafa Alvi and family. Their circumstances have not improved, but have become more urgent.

The Alvi family applied for and were granted new, federally, subsidized housing on June 1, 1983. However, after they occupied the unit, serious legal proceedings were taken against them because they had provided incorrect information when applying for the housing.

As I stated in my previous letter, this family has been permitted to become a total public charge. Their only means of survival here involves the violation of laws. Had they returned to Pakistan as was directed by your office last October, the current situation would not exist.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvi have told me that they will never return to their country. It is totally unfair to the American taxpayer to permit them to be leaches. Surely your office is not waiting for immigration reform legislation to resolve this desperate situation.

Sincerely yours,

Veronica B. Jasperse

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