

March 6, 1961

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Mrs. Octavio Saenz-Centeno
Formerly: Abelina Isabel Galvan
of Corpus Christi, Texas

Mrs. Octavio Saenz-Centeno is the wife of Doctor Octavio Saenz-Centeno. Dr. Octavio Saenz-Centeno is living in Managua, Nicaragua, where he has been practicing Medicine since August 16, 1960. Dr. Saenz-Centeno was born in Nicaragua. He had been in the United States for five and one-half years, obtaining specialized training in Medicine, before returning to Nicaragua, August 16, 1960.

Dr. Saenz-Centeno married Abelina Isabel Galvan on July 9, 1960 and shortly thereafter, they went to Nicaragua. Mrs. Saenz-Centeno, the former Miss Galvan, was a student in Spohn Hospital School of Nursing, Corpus Christi, Texas for three years and graduated with the degree of R.N. Following a period of employment as a Nurse, in Spohn Hospital, she took graduate work at the University of Texas Hospital, Galveston, Texas. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree upon completion of her studies.

I have known Mrs. Saenz-Centeno ever since she was a student in High School. I have known her very well through her Nurse's Training and subsequent to her graduation as a registered Nurse. She has always been a well poised, intelligent, capable person. She has all of the qualities needed to make her a very successful nurse. I saw her shortly before she and her husband left for Nicaragua and I have seen Mrs. Saenz-Centeno upon her return from Nicaragua this March 1961.

There has been considerable change in this young woman. She had lost a good deal of weight; she is obviously nervous and depressed; she cries frequently while she discusses her existence in Nicaragua and appears to be quite agitated. She states that she is very unhappy with living in Nicaragua and while there, she experienced frequent gastro-intestinal upsets with severe dysentary. She has been unable to adjust to the environment of Nicaragua and for these reasons, it was necessary for her to return to the United States.

Mrs. Saenz-Centeno states that a waiver is required to secure a Visa for her husband's return to the United States to take care of and support his wife. In view of the foregoing, it is my recommendation that the requested waiver be granted to Dr. Octavio Saenz-Centeno.

Very truly yours,

Hugh A. Kennedy
Hugh A. Kennedy, M.D.

HAK:s

March 16, 1961

Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson,
Vice-President of the United States,
Office of the Vice-President,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Vice-President Johnson:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of March 11th concerning the work for Miss Angelita Hernandez. As Angelita mentioned to you in her letter, I believe that inadvertently the blanks were not mailed. I hope that by now the blanks have been mailed. I hope that everything will be alright since she would have to give her boss the two weeks notice as requested.

Please let me know what action is taken on the Doctor Octavio Saenz case.

Thank you very much for the words placed in behalf of my sister-in-law, Yolanda Garcia.

Your friend as ever,

Hector P. Garcia, M. D.

HPG/ah