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Mr. James Staley
District Director
U. S. Department of Justice
Immigration and Naturalization Service
727 Durango Suite A-301
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Re: Our letter 12-19-77

Dear Dr. Staley:

In regard to our letter of 12-19-77, we are advised by Dr. Espina that our understanding of the matter as expressed in paragraphs 1 and 2 of our letter was erroneous and the situation is as follows:

1. Dr. Espina entered the U. S. on a J-1 Visa for the purpose of post-graduate medical training in Family Practice. This Visa expired 6-30-77 when Dr. Espina completed his training. On September 22, 1977, Dr. Espina was granted a waiver of the foreign residence requirement of Section 212(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act by the U. S. Department of State, upon receipt of a no-objection statement from the Philippine Government.

At present, Dr. Espina's status is pending extended voluntary departure thru his wife who has an approved third preference petition.

There was no Visa issued since the J-1 Visa expired, hence, no Visa was revoked for any reason whatsoever.

Although Dr. Espina had agreed to provide his professional services as a physician to Coastal Bend Migrant Council; subject agreement was contingent upon Dr. Espina's receipt of the Visa applied for. Since Dr. Espina did not receive the visa applied for before CBMC funding was terminated, he did not, in fact, ever become employed by CBMC and has been totally without employment since expiration of his J-1 Visa on 6-30-77.

As of 12-20-77, Dr. Espina has assured us that, contingent on his receipt of the Visa applied for, he is willing to provide his professional medical services to the medically underserved people of the South Texas area thru employment with STFPHC. Obviously, pending receipt of subject Visa, Dr. Espina cannot accept the proffered employment.

We regret the need for this clarification but trust our misunderstanding will not result in any unfavorable consideration of subject Visa application.

If we can be of further service to you, or if we can provide any information re this matter, please contact us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



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Director of Program Coordination

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cc: Roberto Tijerina, STFPHC, Executive Director
✓ Eisen J. Espina, M. D.