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Mr. Gunter Belchus

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Dear Mr. Belchus:

This is in response to your recent letter to Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton requesting that visas be granted to Adriana Perez and Olga Salanueva so that they may visit their husbands in the United States. Their husbands, Geraldo Hernandez and Rene Gonzalez, are currently imprisoned in the United States after being convicted for espionage. Your letter was forwarded to the Visa Office, Public Inquiries Division in for our response.

The Department of State is sensitive to your concerns about this matter. However, visa applications must be adjudicated in strict accordance with U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) regulations. While the Department makes every effort to facilitate legitimate travel by international visitors, we are also fully committed to administering U.S. immigration law and ensuring the integrity and security of our country's borders.

Pursuant to INA section 222(f), visa records are considered confidential and may not be released to persons other than the visa applicant or designated agent. Therefore, we cannot discuss specific details of Ms. Perez' and Ms. Salanueva's previous visa applications. Should either individual choose to submit a visa application in the future, you may be assured that their case will be given every possible consideration consistent with U.S. immigration law.

Any information in this transmission pertaining to the issuance or refusal of visas or permits to enter the United States shall be considered confidential under Section 222(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) [8 U.S.C. Section 1202]. Access to and use of such information must be solely for the formulation, amendment, administration, or enforcement of the immigration, nationality, and other laws of the United States under INA 222(f) and as specified in FAM guidance. If you have received such information in error, do not review, retransmit, disclose, disseminate, use, or take any action in reliance upon this information, and contact the sender as soon as possible.

We hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

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