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SUBJECT: FY 1980 CONSULAR PACKAGE

REF: STATE 019521

1. THE FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S CONSULAR PACKAGE AS REQUESTED RETTEL.

FY-1977	FY-1978	FY-1979	FY-1980
ACTUAL	ESTIMATE	ESTIMATE	ESTIMATE
10/1/76 TO	10/1/77 TO	10/1/78 TO	10/1/79 TO
9/30/77	9/30/78	9/30/79	9/30/80

2. SCHEDULE 1 - IMMIGRANT VISAS

ARA, EMBASSY, GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

1. IV'S ISSUED

5,281 6,500 6,900 7,300

2. IV'S REFUSED

2,153 3,000 2,700 2,800

3. TOTAL IV CASES

7,434 9,500 9,600 10,100

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MAN HOURS UTILIZED

AMERICAN OFFICERS

4. FULL TIME PERMANENT

2,482 2,478 2,580 2,580

5. TEMPORARY DETAIL

116 100 120 120

6. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED)

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7. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN MAN HOURS

2,608 2,578 2,700 2,700

8. FULL TIME PERMANENT

8,119 13,340 13,340 13,340

9. TEMPORARY DETAIL

- 100 100 100

10. PIT

- - - -

11. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL MAN HOURS

9,563 13,500 13,500 13,500

12. TOTAL IV MAN HOURS

12,171 16,078 16,200 16,200

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13. USE OF INTERPRETER

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14. THIRD COUNTRY CHECK

3PCT 3PCT 7PCT 7PCT

3. SCHEDULE II - NON IMMIGRANT VISAS

GEOGRAPHIC BUREAU - ARA
EMBASSY, GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

15. NIV'S ISSUED

5,823 4,500 4,850 5,200

16. NIV'S REFUSED

4,319 5,427 3,750 6,800

17. TOTAL NIV CASES

9,342 9,927 10,700 11,200

MAN HOURS UTILIZED

AMERICAN OFFICERS

18. FULL TIME PERMANENT

1,222 1,165 1,300 1,400

19. TEMPORARY DETAIL

1 6 480 320 320

20. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED)

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21. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN HOURS

1,338 1,571 1,620 1,720

LOCAL

FULL TIME PERMANENT

22. 2,960 3,583 3,600 3,600

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23. TEMPORARY DETAIL

24. PIT

25. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL MAN HOURS

2,980 3,583 3,600 3,600

26. TOTAL NIV MAN HOURS

4,298 5,154 5,220 5,320

27. NIV FEES COLLECTED

\$144.25 \$160.00 \$160.00 \$

\$0.00

28. BORDER CROSSING CARDS - FY 77

N/A N/A N/A N/A

29. CREW LIST VISAS

38 40 40 40

30. NAMES ON CREW LIST VISAS

UNKNOWN

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PERCENT OF TOTAL NIV CASES REQUIRING

31. INTERVIEWS

98PCT 99PCT 99PCT 99PCT

32. USE OF INTERPRETERS

0PCT 0PCT 0PCT 0PCT

33. THIRD COUNTRY CHECK

1PCT 1PCT 1PCT 1PCT

4. SCHEDULE III - SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES

ARA-EMBASSY, GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

34. AMERICAN CITIZEN DEATHS

0 10 10 10

35. ESTATE/PROPERTY CLAIMS

1 1 1 1

36. NOTARIALS

320 330 330 330

27. WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS

10 1 65 30 30

38. ARRESTS

0 1 1 1

39. SHIPPING & SEAMEN

15 15 15 15

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40. OTHER AGENCY SERVICES

218 338 318 318

41. TOTAL SCS CASES

530 742 787 787

MAN HOURS UTILIZED

AMERICAN OFFICERS

42. FULL TIME PERMANENT

118 628 558 558

43. TEMPORARY DETAIL

- - -

44. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED)

- - -

45. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN MAN HOURS

118 628 558 558

LOCAL

46. FULL TIME PERMANENT

273 355 355 355

47. TEMPORARY DETAIL

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48. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED)

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49. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL MAN HOURS

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TOTAL SCS MAN HOURS

56. 395 975 985 985

51. TREASURY CHECKS

618 1,200

5. SCHEDULE IV - CITIZENSHIP & PASSPORT SERVICES

ARA - EMBASSY, GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

52. PASSPORT APPLICATIONS EXECUTED

163 155 155 155

53. PASSPORT APPLICATIONS EXAMINED

44 25 25 25

54. FEE PASSPORTS ISSUED

119 125 125 125

55. NO FEE PASSPORT ISSUED

0 0 0 0

56. PASSPORTS AMENDED OR EXTENDED

9 10 10 10

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57. NEW REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

85 98 98 98

58. REPORTS OF BIRTH

8 12 12 12

59. WITNESS TO MARRIAGE

2 1 1 1

60. WAIVER OF PASSPORTS

0 0 0 0

61. SUB-TOTAL PASSPORT CASES

375 417 417 417

62. IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED

0 0 0 0

63. TOTAL PASSPORT CASES

375 417 417 417

MAN HOURS UTILIZED

AMERICAN OFFICERS

64. FULL TIME PERMANENT

202 230 230 230

65. TEMPORARY DETAIL

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66. FEY (LOCALLY HIRED)

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67. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN MAN HOURS			
282	236	236	236
LOCAL			
68. FULL TIME PERMANENT			
289	328	328	328
69. TEMPORARY DETAIL			
-	-	-	-
70. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED)			
-	-	-	-
71. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL MAN HOURS			
289	328	328	328
72. TOTAL PASSPORT MAN HOURS			
491	558	558	558
73. AMERICANS REGISTERED 1/31/78			

1,186
AMERICAN CITIZENS REGISTERED

74. OFFICIALS - 35

75. NON-OFFICIALS - 1,129

6. SCHEDULE V - CONDITIONS AND JUSTIFICATION

ARA- EMBASSY, GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

HOURS GAINED	AMERICAN	LOCAL
OVERTIME	437	35
DETAILS IN	232	8
HOURS LOST	618	6

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DETAILS OUT 0

STAFFING GAPS 320

PROLONGED LEAVE 152

AMERICANS:

76. AUTHORIZED

77. AUTHORIZED 9/30/77 2

78. FILLED 1/31/78 2

INCREASE/(AMERICAN)

79. REQUIRED FY-79 -1

80. REQUIRED FY-80 -0

LOCALS

81. AUTHORIZED 9/30/77 3

82. AUTHORIZED 1/31/78 8

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83. FILLED 1/31/78 8

INCREASE/DECREASE 0

84. REQUIRED FY-79 0

85. REQUIRED FY-80 0

7. SCHEDULE VI - FEDERAL BENEFITS, FRAUD, ETC.

ARA-EMBASSY, GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

A. FEDERAL BENEFIT ACTIVITY

NUMBER OF SSA REIMBURSED

AMERICAN: 0 LOCAL: 0

HOURS WORKED BY OCCUPANTS OF THESE POSITIONS IN WORK OTHER THAN

FEDERAL BENEFITS

AMERICAN: 0 LOCAL: 0

HOURS WORKED BY REGULAR (NON-REIMBURSED) CONSULAR EMPLOYEES ON

FEDERAL BENEFITS.

AMERICAN: 00 LOCAL: 178

B. FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS

1. A. FRAUD UNIT - NONE

B. SECURITY - NONE

C. LINE OFFICER - 14

2. TYPE OF INVESTIGATION

A. VISA - 8

B. FEDERAL BENEFITS - 0

C. PASSPORT - 6

C. U.S.: CITIZEN IN JAIL 1/31/78 - 1

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D. SERVICES FOR INS

1. NUMBER OF RE-ENTRY PERMIT EXTENSIONS - 10
2. NUMBER OF F-151 CARDS SURRENDERED - 15
3. F-151 CARDS INTERVIEWS - LOST/STOLEN - 18

E. LOST OF NATIONALITY CASES

(INCLUDING RENUNCIATIONS) - 0

F. FOUND PASSPORT CASES PROCESSED - 0

G. 1. SEARCHES FOR MISSING PERSONS - 2

2. EMERGENCY MESSAGES - 5

3. CHILD CUSTODY CASES - 1

4. ILLNESS OR HOSPITAL CASES NOT INVOLVING MEDEVAC - 1

5. MEDEVAC INVOLVING REPATRIATION LOANS - 0

6. MEDEVAC NOT AT USG EXPENSE - 1

7. REPATRIATION APPLICATIONS - 0

8. REPATRIATION NOT INVOLVING USG EXPENSE - 0

9. EMERGENCY MONEY TRANSFERS (INCLUDING TRUST & COMMERCIAL BANK) - 1

10. UNSPECIFIED MISCELLANEOUS W/W ACTIONS - 53

H. NOT APPLICABLE

I. NARRATIVE

1. PREFACE

NO LONGER CAN THE CONSULAR SECTION HERE BE CHARACTERIZED PRIMARILY AS A VISA

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (FIRST PARA)

ORIENTED OPERATION. TO BE SURE, VISAS

STILL OCCUPY THE GREATER AMOUNT OF THE

SECTION'S TIME. HOWEVER, INCREASED BIRTH

AND DEATH REPORTS, SEVERAL CHILD CUSTODY

DISPUTES AND RELATED WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS

PROBLEMS CAUSED BY THE RECENT INFLEX OF

APPROXIMATELY 1,000 AMERICAN MEMBERS OF

THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION

HAVE CREATED A STRAIN ON AN ALREADY VERY

BUSY SECTION. AT THE SAME TIME A

DEEPENING ECONOMIC CRISIS IN GUYANA HAS PROVIDED

IMPETUS TO THE SURGE IN REQUESTS FOR ALL TYPES

OF VISAS AND HAS CAUSED A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE

IN THE NUMBER OF MALAFIDE NIV'S. THIS PRESENT

ECONOMIC SLUMP IS NOT EXPECTED TO RIGHT ITSELF

IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT BECAUSE OF THE

FACTORS MENTIONED ABOVE THE EMBASSY IS REQUEST-

ING ONE ADDITIONAL AMERICAN OFFICER POSITION

FOR THE CONSULAR SECTION FOR FY-1979. THE

FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRESENTED TO

COMPLEMENT THE STATISTICS LISTED ABOVE AND

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PROVIDE THE JUSTIFICATION FOR OUR REQUEST.

2. JUSTIFICATION

THE CONSULAR WORKLOAD HERE HAS RISEN DRAMATIC-

ALLY OVER THE PAST YEAR. IMMIGRANT VISA

APPLICATIONS HAVE DOUBLED BETWEEN

SEPTEMBER 30, 1975 AND YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1977

FROM 3,673 TO 7,454 AND WILL RISE ANOTHER

2,000 BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1978, WHICH WILL MEAN

A 256 PERCENT INCREASE IN FOUR YEARS. NON-

IMMIGRANT VISA (NIV) APPLICATIONS DURING THE

PAST THREE YEAR PERIOD HAS ALSO INCREASED BY ONE THIRD

FROM 7,735 ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1975 TO 9,342 ON

SEPTEMBER 30, 1977. AN ADDITIONAL INCREASE

OF 700 APPLICATIONS IS EXPECTED THIS FISCAL

YEAR TO PLACE OUR NIV CASE LOAD OVER 10,000

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BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1978. OUR SPECIAL CONSULAR
 ATTACHED WORKLOAD HAS RISEN ABOUT 40 PERCENT
 THE LAST TWO FISCAL YEARS AND BY THE END OF
 THIS FISCAL YEAR WILL HAVE DOUBLED (SEE SGS
 CASES TO NEW CASES BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 30,
 1976 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 1978). OUR PASSPORT
 AND CITIZENSHIP WORKLOAD IS ALSO UP AROUND
 40 PERCENT FROM 285 CASES IN FY-78 TO 417
 CASES BY THE END OF FY-78. THIS INCREASED
 WORKLOAD HAS BEEN ABSORBED PRIMARILY THROUGH
 NEW 725 POSITIONS AUTHORIZED IN FY-78
 BUT TO AVOID NO ADDITIONAL AMERICAN PERSONNEL.

1A. IMMIGRANT VISAS
 OUR ESTIMATE OF 9,000 PLUS IMMIGRANT VISA
 APPLICATIONS FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR AND THE
 VOUCHERS ISSUED INTO THE NEXT FEW YEARS
 IS BASED UPON OUR PRESENT NUMBER OF PENDING

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 AND NEW CASES. AT PRESENT WE HAVE 3,115
 APPLICANTS DOCUMENTARILY QUALIFIED WAITING
 FOR APPOINTMENTS. WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING
 285 TO 325 NEW CASES WEEKLY SINCE APRIL, 1977.
 IN ORDER TO REMAIN CURRENT WE MUST PROCESS A
 MINIMUM OF AT LEAST 225 CASES WEEKLY. MORE-
 OVER, THE VERY BAD LOCAL ECONOMIC SITUATION
 MENTIONED IN MORE DETAIL IN PARAGRAPH 2(D)
 WILL PROVIDE FURTHER STIMULUS FOR GUYANESE
 TO MIGRATE ABROAD. AT THE SAME TIME, BECAUSE
 OF OUR VERY HIGH IV REFUSAL RATE, ABOUT 30
 PERCENT, IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY FOR THE
 CONSULAR SECTION TO SET ASIDE ONE DAY PER
 WEEK FOR OFFICERS TO SEE APPLICANTS WHO WERE
 PREVIOUSLY REFUSED, AND WISH TO DISCUSS THEIR
 CASE OR PRESENT ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS TO OVER-
 COME THEIR PREVIOUS REFUSALS. THIS HAS BEEN
 VERY USEFUL IN BOTH PROVIDING SERVICE TO
 APPLICANTS AND INSURING THAT A SPECIFIC
 TIME IS SET ASIDE TO PROCESS SUCH CASES.
 IT IS OUR JUDGEMENT THAT UNDER CONDITIONS
 PREVAILING HERE AN OFFICER CANNOT EFFICIENTLY
 INTERVIEW MORE THAN 30 APPLICANTS DAILY.
 OTHERWISE, THERE IS INSUFFICIENT TIME TO PERMIT
 THE OFFICER THE NECESSARY TIME FOR INTERVIEWING
 APPLICANTS AND CHECKING DOCUMENTS TO DETERMINE
 WHETHER THE APPLICANT IS QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE
 THE VISA. OUR IMMIGRANT VISA OFFICER MUST BE
 ALERT TO DETECT FRAUDULENT JOB OFFERS, AND
 NON-EXISTENT FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS, THE TWO
 MOST COMMON ATTEMPTS TO CIRCUMVENT OUR VISA
 LAWS. MOREOVER, THE PROBLEM OF DETERMINING

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FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS IS EXACERBATED BY THE GUYANESE
PROPENSITY TO HAVE ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN, AND SEVERAL DIFFERENT
NAMES. SORTING OUT JUST WHO IS WHO IS A VERY TIME CONSUMING
PROBLEM. ESSENTIALLY, WE HAVE BEEN COPING WITH THE INCREASED

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IV LOAD BY STREAMLINING OFFICE PROCEDURES. AN INCREASED

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UTILIZATION OF FORM LETTERS, CROSS TRAINING OF LOCAL EMPLOYEES AND THE USE, SINCE JANUARY 1, 1978, OF AN ADDITIONAL EMBASSY OFFICER HALF DAYS TO ASSIST IN NIV INTERVIEWS. HOWEVER, AFTER MARCH 31, WE CAN NO LONGER COUNT ON THAT OFFICER EXCEPT IN EMERGENCIES BECAUSE OF OTHER DUTY COMMITMENTS. WITH THIS OFFICER'S HELP, WE ARE PRESENTLY CONDUCTING 60 DAILY IV INTERVIEWS TO CUT OUR BACKLOG OF PENDING CASES BUT HAVE ONLY REDUCED IT FROM ABOUT 3,600 TO 3,100 CASES. OBVIOUSLY, WITHOUT CONTINUOUS FULL TIME ASSISTANCE WE WILL HAVE A LARGER BACKLOG THAT WITHIN SIX MONTHS TO ONE YEAR COULD TOTAL AS MANY AS 5,000 CASES. FURTHERMORE, BECAUSE OF THE INCREASING COMPLEXITY AND NUMBERS OF NON-IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATIONS, OUR NIV OFFICER HAS LESS AND LESS TIME TO ASSIST THE IV OFFICER TO REACH THE OPTIMUM NUMBER OF DAILY APPOINTMENTS (50) TO STAY CURRENT WITH OUR PRESENT WORKLOAD.

(B) NON-IMMIGRANT VISAS

AS MENTIONED ABOVE, WE HAVE HAD A CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN NIV WORK OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS. THE FIGURES GIVEN WOULD NOT BE PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT FOR EXAMPLE IN LONDON BUT IN GEORGETOWN IT IS A LARGE INCREASE BECAUSE WE MUST INTERVIEW ALMOST EVERY APPLICANT. OUR NIV OFFICER MUST CONDUCT THOROUGH INTERVIEWS TO INSURE THAT ONLY THOSE PORA VIDE APPLICANTS

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RECEIVE VISAS. OUR NIV WORKLOAD HERE IS PRESENTLY EXACERBATED BY THE SERIOUS ECONOMIC CRISIS THAT GUYANA IS PRESENTLY UNDERGOING AND WHICH IS FAR FROM BOTTOMING OUT. HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT, SHORTAGES OF FOOD AND OTHER CONSUMER GOODS, AND THE LACK OF HOPE FOR BETTER CONDITIONS IN THE FUTURE ARE POWERFUL INCENTIVES FOR GUYANESE TO EMIGRATE. MANY ATTEMPT TO DO SO BY SEEKING TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES WITH NIV'S TO LOOK FOR EMPLOYMENT. THEREFORE, OUR NIV OFFICER MUST SPEND AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF TIME WITH EACH APPLICANT REGARDLESS OF THEIR SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS. SINCE WE INTERVIEW ALL NIV APPLICANTS ON THE DAY THEY APPLY THERE IS NO WAY THAT WE CAN CONTROL THIS FLOW. THE ONLY ANSWER IS TO CUT BACK ON IV INTERVIEWS OR REQUEST AN OFFICER PART TIME FROM ANOTHER SECTION. HOWEVER, GIVEN THIS POST'S AUSTERE MANNING THIS IS NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE AND IS AT BEST ONLY A TEMPORARY MEASURE AND NOT A SOLUTION.

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(C) SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES
 THE CHIEF OF SECTION NORMALLY PERFORMS THIS FUNCTION. HERE AGAIN THIS UNIT HAS SHOWN A DRAMATIC INCREASE OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS FROM 35 CASES IN FY-75 TO 56 CASES IN FY-77. A 40 PERCENT RISE WITH ANOTHER RISE ESTIMATED IN FY-78 TO 742 CASES WHICH COMES TO ALMOST A 100 PERCENT JUMP OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS. SINCE AUGUST, 1977 AN AMERICAN QUASI RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION HAS BROUGHT APPROXIMATELY 1,000 AMERICANS TO GUYANA TO SETTLE IN AN AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY CARVED OUT OF THE JUNGLE IN GUYANA'S REMOTE NORTHWEST DISTRICT. THIS MOVEMENT HAS CREATED A HEAVY INFLOX OF WELFARE/NEED-RELATED INQUIRIES, NUMEROUS REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION, SEVERAL CHILD CUSTODY DISPUTES INCLUDING ONE VERY LENGTHY CHILD CUSTODY CASE (STILL UNRESOLVED) WITH HEAVY CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST, AND A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TREASURY CHECKS AND

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 REQUESTS FOR ACTION BY THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION. EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE HAD TO VISIT THIS REMOTE COMMUNITY THREE TIMES IN RECENT MONTHS. HENCEFORTH, UNLESS REQUIRED BY EMERGENCIES TO VISIT THE COMMUNITY MORE OFTEN, A CONSULAR OFFICER IS REQUIRED TO VISIT IT AT LEAST QUARTERLY TO PERFORM STATUTORY CONSULAR SERVICES AND RESPOND TO INQUIRIES FROM RELATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. THE PRESENCE OF THIS GROUP WILL ALSO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF REPORTS OF BIRTH AND DEATH. APPROXIMATELY 200 SENIOR CITIZENS RANGING IN AGE FROM 60 TO 100 YEARS ARE AT THE COMMUNITY. FINALLY, WE HAVE HAD ONE ARREST CASE WHICH INITIALLY REQUIRED SEVERAL MAN DAYS OF WORK DURING THE EARLY STAGES OF ARREST AND TRIAL AND OF COURSE STILL REQUIRES ONE VISIT PER MONTH WHICH NORMALLY OCCUPIES AN OFFICER FOR HALF A MAN DAY.

(D) PASSPORT AND CITIZENSHIP
 AS A COROLLARY TO OUR INCREASED SCS ACTIVITY, PASSPORT AND CITIZENSHIP ACTIVITIES HAVE ALSO INCREASED. FOR EXAMPLE, WE ARE EXPERIENCING A LARGE NUMBER OF FIRST TIME APPLICANTS FOR PASSPORTS. ONE REASON IS THAT A U.S. OWNED COMPANY IN GUYANA, GEORGETOWN SEAFOODS, IS CUTTING BACK ITS OPERATIONS AND CONSEQUENTLY, MANY OF THE TRAWLER FISHERMEN HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO DOCUMENT THEIR OFFSPRING (BOTH LEGITIMATE AND ILLEGITIMATE) AS AMERICAN CITIZENS PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE. THIS REQUIRES PAINSTAKING AND THOROUGH INTERVIEWS WITH THE SEAMEN WHO ARE MOSTLY UNEDUCATED AND HAVE LITTLE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO PROVE THE LENGTH OF THEIR STAY IN THE UNITED STATES. IN FACT, IN SOME CASES THE SEAMEN THEMSELVES HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY IN PROVING THEIR OWN CLAIMS TO AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP, THUS NECESSITATING MUCH CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES IN ORDER TO VERIFY THEIR CITIZENSHIP.

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THE CHIEF OF SECTION IN GEORGETOWN IS PRESENTLY THE THIRD RANKING FSO IN THE EMBASSY. AS SUCH, IN THE PAST HE HAS BEEN CALLED UPON TO PERFORM SUCH DUTIES AS CHARGE (ON ONE OCCASION FOR THREE MONTHS), AND ACTING DCM. HE ALSO SITS IN ON ALL SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS AS WELL AS THE WEEKLY COUNTRY TEAM MEETING. IN THE COURSE OF HIS DUTIES HE PROVIDES USEFUL POLITICAL REPORTS AND HAS HEAVY LIAISON RESPONSIBILITIES WITH HIGH RANKING GOC OFFICIALS, MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY, THE LEGAL PROFESSION, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, AS WELL AS POLITICAL AND LABOR FIGURES. IN SEEKING ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS TO COPE WITH OUR INCREASED WORKLOAD THE PRESENT THINLY-SPREAD STAFFING OF THIS EMBASSY MUST BE CONSIDERED. WE HAVE A TWO-MAN ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION, ONE JUNIOR ECONOMIC OFFICER (WITHOUT CONSULAR EXPERIENCE), ONE POLITICAL/LABOR JUNIOR ROTATIONAL OFFICER, THE DCM AND THE AMBASSADOR. GIVEN THIS STAFFING PATTERN AND IMPORTANT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES, THE EMBASSY CANNOT SHIFT OFFICERS FROM OTHER SECTIONS TO THE CONSULAR SECTION FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME. IF THE POST IS TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE EFFICIENT, PROMPT, AND EFFECTIVE CONSULAR SERVICES THEN IT IS VITAL THAT A FOURTH OFFICER BE AUTHORIZED FOR THE CONSULAR SECTION. AS OUR MOST RECENT INSPECTION IN NOVEMBER, 1977 DISCLOSED, THE CONSULAR SECTION HAS PERFORMED

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AT A VERY HIGH LEVEL OF EFFICIENCY IN PERFORMING ITS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS, DUE TO THE BROAD EXPERIENCE AND DEDICATION OF THE CHIEF AS WELL AS THE FORTUNATE ASSIGNMENT OF CONSCIENTIOUS YOUNG OFFICERS. HOWEVER, IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THIS EFFECTIVENESS, WE MUST HAVE ANOTHER OFFICER. (WE NOTE THAT BY UTILIZING AN OFFICER FROM ANOTHER SECTION HALF DAYS FOR THREE MONTHS, THE CONSULAR SECTION HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO MAKE AN APPRECIATIVE DENT IN A SIGNIFICANT BACKLOG OF IV CASES). WE POINT OUT THAT THE SECTION HAS ABSORBED THE SHARP INCREASE IN ITS IV WORKLOAD WITHOUT HAVING ADDED ADDITIONAL OFFICERS DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS. HOWEVER, THERE IS A LIMIT TO THE WORKLOAD THAT THREE OFFICERS, HOWEVER EFFICIENT, CONSCIENTIOUS, AND HARD WORKING THEY MAY BE, CAN PERFORM ON A SUSTAINED BASIS AND THAT LIMIT HAS BEEN REACHED. WE NOW NEED AN ADDITIONAL CONSULAR POSITION

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IF THE SECTION IS TO KEEP UP WITH ITS WORK.

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