



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF RELATIVE IMMIGRANT
VISA PETITION

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NAME OF BENEFICIARY	
Gregorio Isaias Rivas Guzman	
CLASSIFICATION	FILE NUMBER
CRI	[REDACTED]
DATE PETITION FILED	DATE OF APPROVAL
07/09/2012	08/22/2013

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THE VISA PETITION YOU FILED HAS BEEN APPROVED. IF YOU ARE REPRESENTED BY LEGAL COUNSEL, YOUR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE HAS BEEN PROVIDED A COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT. THE BENEFICIARY FOR WHOM YOU FILED HAS BEEN GIVEN THE APPROPRIATE CLASSIFICATION. THE APPROVAL GIVES NO ASSURANCE THAT THE BENEFICIARY WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE FOUND ELIGIBLE FOR VISA ISSUANCE, ADMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES OR ADJUSTMENT TO LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS. WHETHER THE BENEFICIARY GETS A VISA IS DECIDED ONLY WHEN AN APPLICATION IS MADE TO A CONSULAR OFFICER, WHETHER THE BENEFICIARY IS ADMITTED OR ADJUSTS STATUS IN THE UNITED STATES IS DECIDED ONLY WHEN AN APPLICATION IS MADE TO AN IMMIGRATION OFFICER. IF THE BENEFICIARY DECIDES TO APPLY FOR A VISA OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES BASED ON THIS PETITION, THE PETITIONER SHOULD FILE FROM I-824, APPLICATION FOR ACTION ON AN APPROVED APPLICATION OR PETITION, WITH THIS OFFICE TO REQUEST THAT THE PETITION BE SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S NATIONAL VISA CENTER. PLEASE BE SURE TO ENCLOSE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE WITH THE I-824.

1. THE APPROVED VISA PETITION HAS BEEN SENT TO THE NATIONAL VISA CENTER (NVC), 32 ROCHESTER AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03801-2909 (603) 334-0700. THIS COMPLETES ALL ACTION BY THIS SERVICE ON THE PETITION. THE NVC HANDLES ALL IMMIGRANT VISA PETITIONS, WHICH REQUIRE CONSULAR ACTION, FROM THE TIME OF THEIR APPROVAL BY THE CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICE (CIS) TO THEIR FORWARDING OVERSEAS FOR FINAL PROCESSING. WHEN AN APPROVED PETITION IS RECEIVED AT THE NVC, IT IS ENTERED INTO A COMPUTERIZED SYSTEM AND ASSIGNED A CASE NUMBER. THE BENEFICIARY OF THE PETITION THEN RECEIVES A LETTER WITH THE CASE NUMBER AND INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING FURTHER PROCESSING OF THE CASE. THE STATUS OF AN IMMIGRANT VISA PETITION IS DETERMINED BY APPLICANTS' ELIGIBILITY AND AVAILABILITY FOR VISA NUMBERS. SPOUSES, PARENTS, UNMARRIED CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS ARE CONSIDERED IMMEDIATE RELATIVES AND THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO WAIT FOR VISA NUMBER ALLOCATION, AS VISA NUMBERS ARE READILY AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE RELATIVES OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS. IMMEDIATE RELATIVES OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS MERELY HAVE TO WAIT THE TIME REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE PAPERWORK INVOLVED. THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT IMMEDIATE RELATIVES OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS MUST WAIT FOR ISSUANCE OF VISA NUMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ESTABLISHED IMMIGRANT VISA PREFERENCE SYSTEM. THE NVC MAILS TO THE BENEFICIARY A LETTER EXPLAINING THE STAGE OF PROCESSING. FOR SOME VISA CATEGORIES, THE DELAY IN OBTAINING VISA NUMBERS COULD CONSIST OF A NUMBER OF YEARS. SHOULD YOU WISH TO KNOW WHICH PRIORITY DATES ARE CURRENTLY BEING PROCESSED, YOU MAY CALL THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S VISA OFFICE AT (202) 663-1541. AS THE BENEFICIARY IS NOTIFIED AUTOMATICALLY ONCE HIS/HER PETITION HAS BEEN RECEIVED AT THE NVC, THERE IS NO NEED TO CONTACT THE NVC, EXCEPT TO REPORT A CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR A CHANGE IN PERSONAL SITUATION, WHICH MAY AFFECT THE BENEFICIARY'S ENTITLEMENT TO A VISA.

2. THE APPROVED PETITION HAS BEEN RETAINED IN THE SERVICE FILE. THE SERVICE FILE NUMBER IS INDICATED IN THE BOX ABOVE. THE PETITION HAS BEEN RETAINED IN THE SERVICE FILE BECAUSE THE BENEFICIARY APPEARS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF PUBLIC LAW 103-317. IF THE BENEFICIARY WISHES TO APPLY FOR PERMANENT RESIDENT IN THE UNITED STATES, UNDER PUBLIC LAW 103-317, OBTAIN THE I-485 SUPPLEMENT A PACKET AT THE NEAREST INS OFFICE. IF THE BENEFICIARY, INSTEAD, WISHES TO APPLY ABROAD FOR AN IMMIGRANT VISA, THE BENEFICIARY SHOULD FILE FORM I-824, APPLICATION FOR ACTION ON AN APPROVED APPLICATION OR PETITION, WITH THIS OFFICE TO REQUEST THAT THE PETITION BE SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S NATIONAL VISA CENTER. THIS COMPLETES ALL ACTION ON THE PETITION. ACTIONS ARE REQUIRED OF YOU TO APPLY FOR RESIDENT STATUS. WHEN YOU APPLY FOR RESIDENT STATUS, PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS APPROVAL NOTICE, AS THIS IS THE BASIS OF YOUR APPLICATION FOR RESIDENT STATUS.

3. THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS REFLECTS THAT THE BENEFICIARY IS CURRENTLY IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS. PLEASE MAINTAIN A COPY OF THIS LETTER BECAUSE YOU MAY NEED TO PRESENT IT TO THE IMMIGRATION JUDGE.

Respectfully,

Ricky Hamilton
Field Office Director

cc: Naimah Salem