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**INFORMATIONAL LETTER**

TRANSMITTAL NO: 88 INF-67

TO: Commissioners of Social Services

DIVISION: Family and Children Services

SUBJECT: Refugee/Entrant Assistance Program:  
Eligibility of Certain Amerasian  
Immigrants.

DATE: October 24, 1988

SUGGESTED DISTRIBUTION: Directors of Family and Children Services  
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**FILING REFERENCES**

Previous ADMs/INFs	Releases Cancelled	Department Regs.	Social Services Law and Other Legal References	Manual References	Miscellaneous Reference
81 ADM-24 81 ADM-32 81 ADM-48		18 NYCRR 349.3 351.1 (b) (2) (g) 351.2 (h) 351.20 (b) 360.1 (i) 403.7	Sec. 584 of Foreign Operations Approp- riation Act, in P.L. 100- 202 S.S.L. 131 -K	Bulletin 203	Dear Commis- sioner Letter March 30, 1988

On March 20, 1988 Public Law 100-202 established the resumption of the Orderly Departure program with Vietnam, providing for certain Amerasians and their close family members to be admitted to the United States in immigration status. Through this new legislation, the Amerasians and family members in this immigration status are eligible for Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) funded benefits as though they were refugees. This informational letter describes the documentation for this group of immigrants to assist local districts in identifying them as eligible for refugee social services.

#### I. DOCUMENT I-94

At the point of entry, the Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) will issue these persons a Temporary Identification Document which will combine features of the documents normally issued to refugees and immigrants (see Section IV for a facsimile copy). The INS will adapt the current form I-94 for this purpose, as follows:

- o The front of the I-94 will be stamped in the right corner "Processed for I-551. Temporary evidence of lawful admission for permanent residence. Valid until \_\_\_\_\_. Employment authorized";
- o A photo of the Amerasian or family member will be glued in the upper left corner;
- o An embossed seal will be on the top center overlapping the stamp and photograph (this seal may be absent in some cases);
- o The front of the I-94 will be completed to show the person's name, birth date, country of citizenship (Vietnam), sex, airline and flight number, city where boarded, and U.S. address;
- o The back of the I-94 will show the A-number in Block 20. A-numbers in the immigration series (beginning with 4) will be used.
- o The unique identification for these Amerasians and family members will appear in Block 26.
- o Block 26 will be stamped "Admitted" and the code AM1, AM2, AM3 will be stamped next to the word "Class". Above "Class" will be an abbreviation for the point of entry and the handwritten date of arrival.

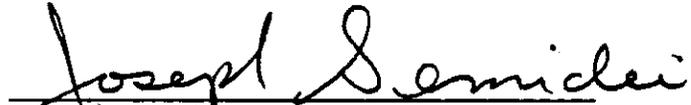
Initially this adapted I-94 will be issued as temporary evidence of lawful admission, pending the receipt of the I-551.

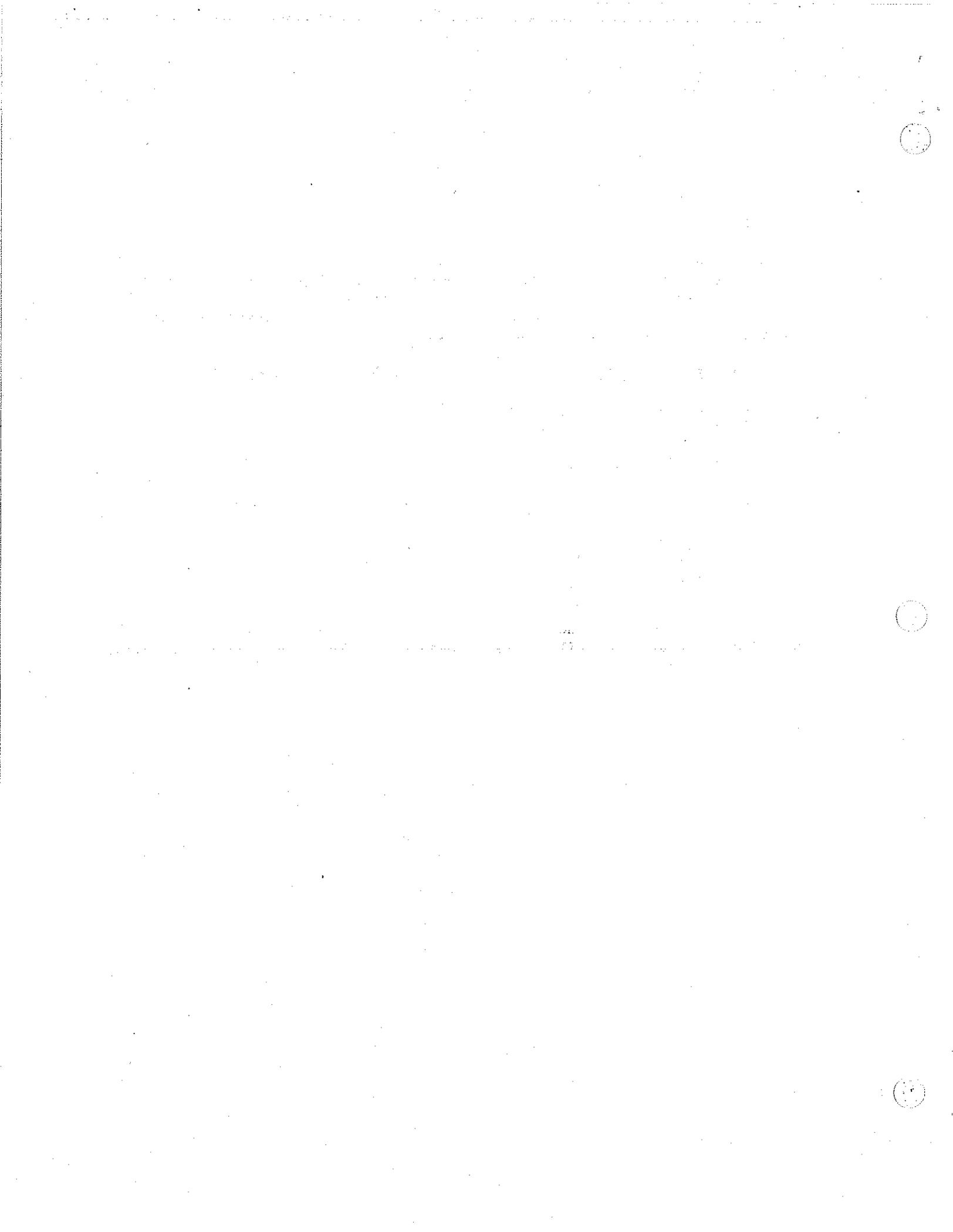
II. DOCUMENT I-551

Since these Amerasians are immigrants, they will be issued the I-551, which is the identifying document for permanent resident aliens. The codes used on the I-551 for persons admitted under the new law will be AM6, AM7, and AM8 located in the class section. The chart below summarizes the new class-of-admission codes and their meanings:

<u>Category of Person</u>	<u>Code on I-94</u>	<u>Code on I-551</u>
Amerasian born in Vietnam between 1/1/62 and 1/1/76	AM1	AM6
Spouse or Child of AM1/AM6	AM2	AM7
Mother of unmarried AM1/AM6 and spouse or child of such mother; or person who has acted as parent of AM1/AM6 and such person's spouse or child	AM3	AM8

We recommend that the above codes on either the I-94 or I-551 cards be verified to assure eligibility for refugee social services. Not all cards will appear exactly as described.

  
 Joseph Semidei  
 Deputy Commissioner  
 Division of Family and Children Services



Attachment A  
DOCUMENT FACSIMILES

FRONT portion of I-94 arrival card will be stamped in the right corner with "Processed for I-551, Temporary Evidence of Lawful Admission for Permanent Residence valid until month/year Employment Authorization". This is written across the top, and the individuals photo is affixed with Dry Seal-- admitting the subject Amerasians as Immigrants. It will also be completed to show the person's name, birth date, country of the citizenship (Vietnam), sex, airline flight number, city where boarded, and U.S. address.

Admission Number

524115341 00

PROCESSED - FOR  
I-551, Temporary

Immigration and  
Naturalization Service  
I-94  
Arrival Record

EVIDENCE OF  
LAWFUL ADMISSION  
FOR PERM. RESIDENCE  
VALID UNTIL  
EMPLOYMENT AUTH

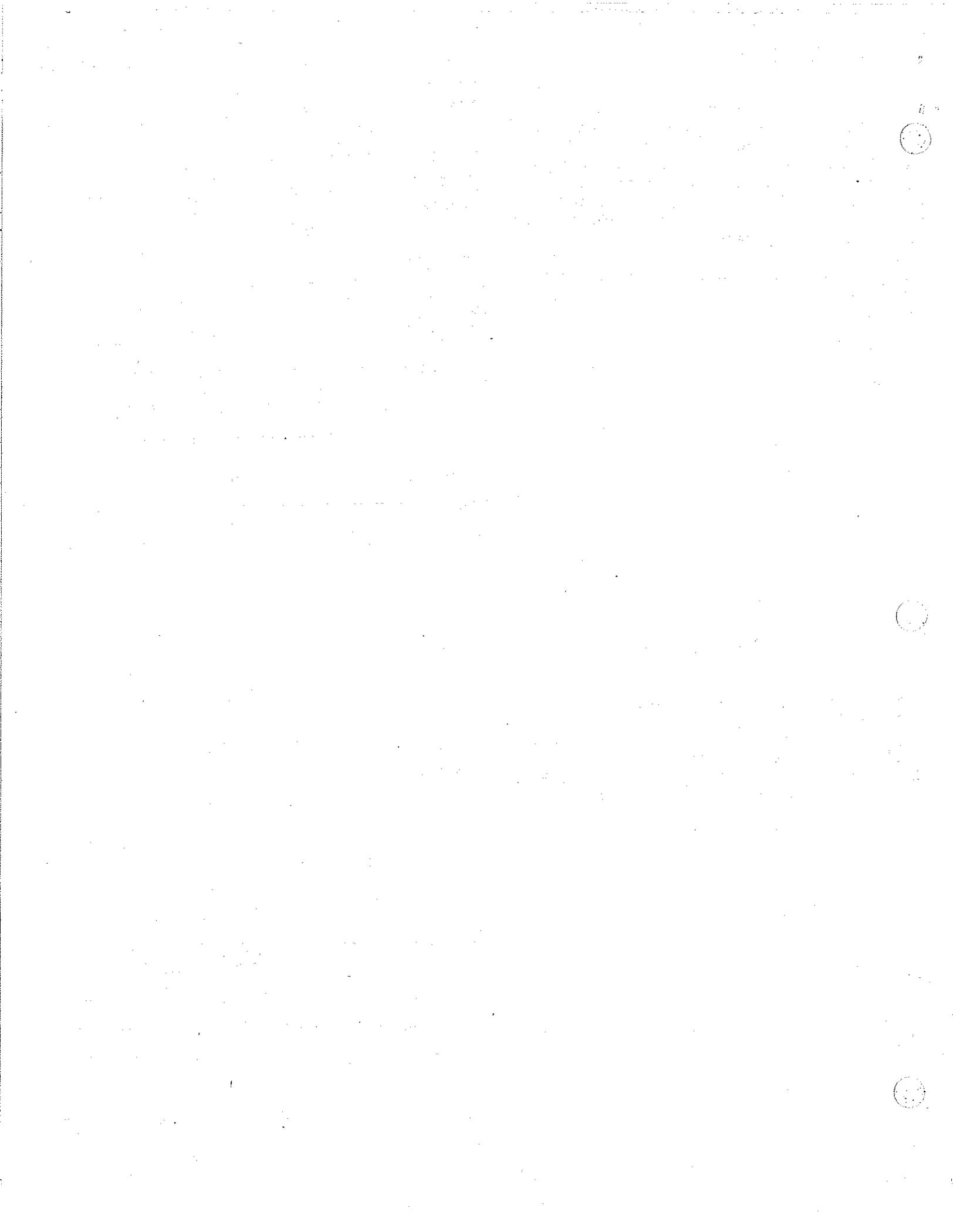
1. Family Name S. KERRETT		3. Birth Date (Day, Mo, Yr) 06/03/38	
2. First (Given) Name E. EDWARD		5. Sex (Male or Female) X	
4. Country of Citizenship VIETNAM		7. Airline and Flight Number X	
6. Passport Number		9. City Where You Boarded X	
8. Country Where You Live		11. Date issued (Day, Mo, Yr)	
10. City Where Visa Was Issued		12. Address While in the United States (Number and Street) X	
13. City and State X			

BACK portion of I-94 will show the A-number in Block 20 beginning with 4. Block 26 will contain the unique identification for these Amerasians and family members. Block 26 will also be stamped "Admitted" and code AM1, AM2, AM3 will be stamped next to the word "Class". Above "Class" will be an abbreviation for the point of entry and handwritten date of arrival.

18. Occupation	19. Waivers
20. INS File A-40161264	21. INS FCO
22. Petition Number	23. Program Number
24. <input type="checkbox"/> Bond	25. <input type="checkbox"/> Prospective Student

26. Itinerary/Comments  
ADMITTED  
SEX  
CLASS AM-1  
UNTIL

27. TWOV Ticket Number



Front of I-551

**RESIDENT ALIEN**

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U.S. AMB

CLASS

SAMPLE

Handwritten signature

Name

Date of birth

Alien number

Class-of-admission code

Back of I-551

ALIEN REGISTRATION RECEIPT CARD

PERSON RECEIVING THIS CARD IS ENTITLED TO RESIDE PERMANENTLY AND WORK IN THE U.S.

33500000 11 23 663 563 86537

5533 47405 36323 34456 67480

040380-582 050 07620 7462742

SAMPLE CARD

Date admitted to U.S.

April 3, 1980

