Case No. F-2011-06430
Segment: ECA, VO

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Dear Dr. de Socio:

I refer to our previous letter regarding the release of certain Department of State material under the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5 USC Section 552) in which we reported to you the results of the search of the Office of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

I am writing today to inform you that the search of the records of the Office of Visa Services (VO) has also been completed. The search did not yield any additional documents responsive to your request.

The source of the data you requested is the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) database. The SEVIS database is a 50 field Excel format spreadsheet that came on line in 2003. Data prior to 2003 is not retrievable in SEVIS. The Department of State inputs data into SEVIS, as do a number of other entities. However, the database is owned and maintained by the Department of Homeland Security. The Department cannot manipulate the database to generate and the review under FOIA the kind of report you seek.

For the information you are seeking for J category visas, you may wish to contact the Department of Homeland Security, Chief FOIA Officer/Privacy Officer at The Privacy Office, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane, SW, STOP-0655, Washington, D.C. 20528-0655.

We have now completed the processing of your case. If you have any questions, you may write to the Office of Information Programs and Services, SA-2, Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-8100, or telephone us at (202) 261-8484. Please be sure to refer to the case number shown above in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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