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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

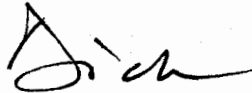
October 14, 1982

MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached for your approval is
S. 1698 - Preferential Treatment
in Admitting Amerasian Children
to the United States.

OMB, Defense, Justice, State,
and NSC recommend approval. AID,
HHS, and Labor have no objection.

Ken Duberstein, Office of Policy
Development, and Office of Cabinet
Affairs recommend approval. Fred
Fielding and Elizabeth Dole have
no objection.



Richard G. Darman

Last Day for Action: October 23

NOTE: There is a ceremony scheduled
to sign this bill on Friday,
October 22.

Ceremony + Remarks,
Approx. 2:30 P.M., Roosevelt Room



APPROVED
OCT 22 1982

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

OCT 12 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bill S. 1698 - Preferential Treatment in
Admitting Amerasian Children to the United States
Sponsor - Sen. Denton (R) Alabama and 41 others

Last Day for Action

Purpose

To provide preferential treatment in the admission of Amerasian children to the United States.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Department of Defense	Approval
Department of Justice	Approval (Informally)
Department of State	Approval
National Security Council	Approval
Agency for International Development	No objection
Department of Health and Human Services	No objection (Informally)
Department of Labor	No objection (Informally)

Discussion

There are many children fathered by United States citizens living in Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Kampuchea, or Thailand. These Amerasian children are often ill-treated and considered outcasts or subjected to subtle forms of discrimination because of their American parentage. To give relief to these children, S. 1698 amends the Immigration and Naturalization Act to give them preferential treatment with respect to their admission to the United States.

The bill provides that a child fathered by a United States citizen and born in the Southeast Asian countries noted above, after 1950 and before the date of enactment of the bill, may enter the United States as a permanent resident. The process by which this permanent residence may be obtained is devised in the

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In addition, all applicants must have a sponsor who agrees to furnish financial support to the applicant for five years after admission, or until the age of 21, whichever is longer. Financial support must be at a level equal to at least 125 per cent of the official poverty lines. This guarantee of financial support is made in effect an enforceable contract between the sponsor and the Department of Justice, which may bring civil suit against the sponsor for failure to meet obligations to the child.

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In sum, the bill provides safeguards and limitations on eligibility that should prevent abuse of this preferential admission program.

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The enrolled bill passed the House and Senate by voice vote.

James M. Frey
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosures

(Rohrabacher/AB)
October 20, 1982
4:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SIGNING OF S. 1698 AMENDING THE
IMMIGRATION & NATIONALITY ACT
(FOR AMERASIAN CHILDREN)
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1982

Today I am signing into law legislation that comes to grips with a problem that should touch every American's heart. During the last three decades when tens of thousands of our airmen, soldiers and sailors went to Southeast Asia and Korea to prevent aggression and to protect the vital interests of our country, a number of Amerasian children were born. When their fathers returned to the United States, far too often innocent children were left without a parent and without a country.

Through no fault of their own, these children have frequently lived in the most wretched of conditions and often have been ostracized in the lands of their birth.

Today it gives me great pleasure to sign S. 1698, a major step toward facing up to a moral responsibility we cannot ignore. This is a good and humane law. It recognizes the rightful claim of Amerasian children to American citizenship and permits their entry into our country after arrangements for their care have been made with their families or with private organizations.

The sponsors of this legislation, Senator Jeremiah Denton and Congressman Stewart McKinney, deserve a special word of thanks for their efforts to reunite these children with those who will love and care for them. And also thanks to Father Alfred Keane who worked so hard for this bill.

Americans have always opened their hearts to those coming from distant lands to make a new life here, to live in freedom and to improve their lot. In this case, we should go a step further. Instead of saying welcome to these children, we should say . . . welcome home.

And now, it gives me great pleasure to sign this bill.

Signing Ceremony

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: Oct. 12, 1982 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 2:00 Wednesday October 13, 1982

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill S. 1698--Preferential Treatment in Admitting Amerasian Children to the United States

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Called 10/13

Called 10/14

Remarks:

Please forward comments on this enrolled bill to my office by 2:00 tomorrow. PLEASE NOTE A SIGNING CEREMONY IS SCHEDULED FOR ~~THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.~~

Thank you. *Fri - 10/22*

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
(x2702)

Response:

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James M. Frey
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosures

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

October 8, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES M. FREY

FROM: MICHAEL O. WHEELER MW

SUBJECT: S.1698


As requested by Maurice White, this will confirm that we recommend approval of S.1698, a bill to provide preferential treatment in the admission of Amerasian children.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 13, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD G. DARMAN
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DEPUTY TO THE CHIEF OF STAFF

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING 
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill S. 1698 -- Preferential
Treatment in Admitting Amerasian
Children to the United States

We have reviewed S. 1698, which provides for preferential treatment in the admission of Amerasian children to the United States, and have no legal objections to the President signing it.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 13, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD G. DARMAN

FROM:

ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT:

S. 1698 - Preferential Treatment in Admitting
Amerasian Children to the United States

The Office of Policy Development recommends approval of
S. 1698.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 10/20/82 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 10:00 a.m. THURSDAY

SUBJECT: DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS FOR SIGNING OF S. 1698 - (AMERASIAN CHILDREN) - IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT

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Remarks:

Please forward any edits/comments directly to Aram Bakshian, with a copy to my office, by 10:00 a.m. tomorrow, October 21. Thank you.

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
(x2702)

Response:

(Rohrabacher/AB)
October 20, 1982
10:00 a.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SIGNING OF S. 1698 AMENDING THE
IMMIGRATION & NATIONALITY ACT
(FOR AMERASIAN CHILDREN)
OCTOBER 22, 1982

Today I am signing into law legislation that comes to grips with a problem that should touch every American's heart. During the last three decades when tens of thousands of our airmen, soldiers and sailors went to Southeast Asia and Korea to prevent aggression and to protect the vital interests of our country, a number of Amerasian children were born. When their fathers returned to the United States, far too often innocent children were left without a parent and without a country.

Through no fault of their own, these children have frequently lived in the most wretched of conditions and often have been ostracized in the lands of their birth.

Today it gives me great pleasure to sign S. 1698, the first step to facing up to a moral responsibility we can no longer ignore. This is a good and humane law. It recognizes the rightful claim of Amerasian children to American citizenship and permits their entry into our country after arrangements for their care have been made with their families or with private organizations.

The sponsors of this legislation, Senator Jeremiah Denton and Congressman Stewart McKinney, deserve a special word of thanks for their efforts to reunite these children with those who will love and care for them.

Americans have always opened their hearts to those coming from distant lands to make a new life here, to live in freedom and to improve their lot. In this case, we should go a step further. Instead of saying welcome to these children, we should say . . . welcome home.

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Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
(x2702)

Response:

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Richard G. Darman
 Assistant to the President
 (x2702)

Response:

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(Rohrabacher/AB)
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 21, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR ARAM BAKSHIAN
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
AND DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING *RAH for*
FROM: FRED F. FIELDING *Orig. signed by FFF*
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT
SUBJECT: Draft Presidential Remarks for Signing of
S. 1698 -- Immigration and Nationality Act
(Amerasian Children)

Our office has reviewed the above-referenced remarks, which appear to be quite suitable for the occasion, and have no legal or other substantive objections to them.

cc: ✓ Richard G. Darman

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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October , 1982

FACT SHEET
The Amerasian Immigration Act of 1982
(S. 1698)

SUMMARY

The President today signed into law the Amerasian Immigration Act of 1982. This bill is an important humanitarian action on behalf of the thousands of children of Americans who served in Asia since 1950. By giving these children preferential status for admission to the United States, this legislation provides them with an alternative to the discrimination and inhumanity they are shown in their native countries because of their mixed-race. The bill is the result of strong concern and support from the Executive Branch, the Congress, churches and voluntary agencies to help these children.

BACKGROUND

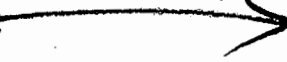
The bill provides that a child fathered by a United States citizen and born in Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Kampuchea or Thailand between January 1, 1950 and the date of enactment of the bill, may enter the United States as a permanent resident. To ensure that only eligible children receive special treatment, the bill establishes the following requirements:

- ° A petition for admission as a permanent resident alien must be filed by or on behalf of the alien child and approved by the Attorney General.
- ° A guarantee of legal custody and financial responsibility for the alien child must be signed in the presence of an immigration or consular officer by an individual who is 21 years of age or older, is of good moral character and is a citizen or permanent resident alien of the United States.
- ° The sponsor must agree to furnish financial support to the applicant for five years after admission or until the child is 21 years of age. Financial support must be at a level equal to at least 125 percent of the official poverty line.
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Thank you.

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
(x2702)

Response: October 13, 1982

No objections.


Elizabeth H. Dole

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: Oct. 12, 1982 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 2:00 Wednesday
October 13, 1982

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill S. 1698--Preferential Treatment in Admitting
Amerasian Children to the United States

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Response:

*Signing Ceremony to
12/1/82*

OK [signature]

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4:39 PM



U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Legislative Affairs

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

October 12, 1982

Honorable David A. Stockman
Director, Office of Management and Budget
Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Mr. Stockman:

Attached you will find the Department of Justice's enrolled bill report on S. 1698, a bill to provide preferential treatment for "Amerasian" children who are the offspring of United States citizen fathers. As you will see, we recommend executive approval of this bill. We also recommend that there be a signing ceremony at the time of executive approval.

This legislation has a history which includes significant public attention. The broadcast media has aired numerous stories about Amerasian children, the print media has carried stories before and after Congress' action on this bill. A signing ceremony would provide an opportunity to indicate the compassion of this Administration for these children and it would also provide an important and appropriate vehicle for the President to comment favorably on the efforts to pass the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1982.

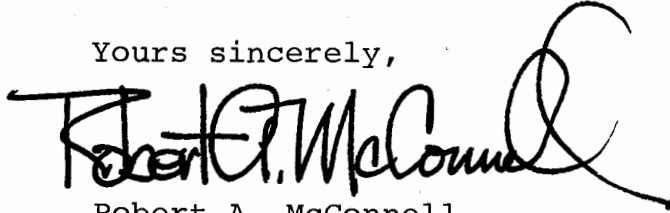
As you know, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1982 passed the United States Senate on August 17 by the overwhelming bi-partisan vote of 80 to 19. Just before the recess, the House Committee on the Judiciary favorably reported a companion bill and the Speaker has promised that it will reach the House floor after the recess. The Administration wholeheartedly supports this legislation, which is similar to the legislation submitted by the President a year ago after months of work by a Cabinet level task force and a series of Cabinet meetings on the subject. In a very real sense, this legislation is the largest non-budgetary legislative effort put forward by this Administration.

We feel that it is most important that the President reaffirm the Administration's commitment to the enactment of these immigration reforms in the post-election session. We believe that a signing ceremony for the Amerasian children's bill would provide an appropriate forum for the President to send such a message.

In fact, Amerasian legislative language was a part of the Immigration Reform and Control Act. However, when it became apparent that the larger bill could not pass the Congress prior to the recess the bill which is before you was considered separately. The history of this bill, its public attention and the greater need for overall immigration reform lead to proper circumstances for a signing ceremony, we believe.

Attached is a rough draft statement which we suggest treats both of the above mentioned objectives for the recommended signing ceremony. We would appreciate you giving your full consideration to this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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Robert A. McConnell
Assistant Attorney General

Attachments

cc: Fred Fielding
Craig Fuller
Ken Duberstein
B. Oglesby
Pam Turner



U. S. Department of Justice
Office of Legislative Affairs

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

October 12, 1982

Honorable David A. Stockman
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Stockman:

In compliance with your request, I have examined a facsimile of the enrolled bill (S. 1698), a bill to provide preferential treatment for "Amerasian" children who are the offspring of United States citizen fathers. The Department of Justice has no objection to Executive approval of this bill.

This bill provides that a child born to a United States citizen father in certain Southeast Asian countries after 1950 and before the date of enactment of the bill may enter the United States as a permanent resident. The countries specified are Korea, Laos, Kampuchea, Vietnam and Thailand.

The process by which this permanent residence may be obtained is devised so as to provide certain safeguards for both the child and the American public. The process is begun by the filing of a visa petition under this section, either by the child, or by any person acting on the child's behalf. The visa petition is filed with the Attorney General who determines whether the applicant qualifies under the criteria set forth above.

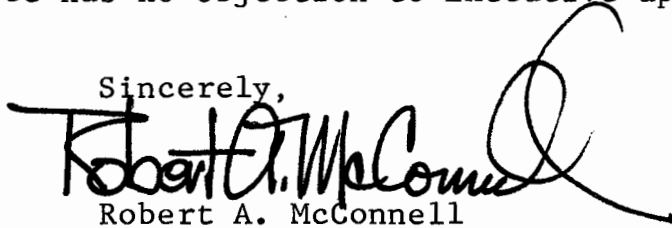
In addition, all applicants under this legislation must have a sponsor who agrees to furnish financial support to the applicant for five years after admission, or until the age of 21, whichever is longer. The sponsor must show that the child will be maintained at a minimum of 125 percent of stated poverty guidelines. This guarantee of financial support is made in effect an enforceable contract between the sponsor and the Attorney General, who may sue the sponsor in a civil suit. Although the bill and the accompanying report are silent on the subject, it would appear that the Attorney General would have the option of suing to recover such items as medical expenses or welfare costs expended in the child's behalf, or to force the sponsor to provide support.

In the case of an applicant under the age of 18, further requirements are levied to insure that the child is protected. In these cases, sponsorship of the child must be arranged by a public or licensed child welfare agency which is experienced in handling placement of foreign-born children. There must also be evidence in writing that the child's mother or guardian has irrevocably released the child for emigration to the United States.

The bill as passed by the Congress provides safeguards and limitations on eligibility which should prevent abuse of this immigration category. Before amendment and passage the Senate bill provided no cut-off date for qualification as a child, and did not require the involvement of child welfare agencies. The enrolled bill cures these deficiencies.

The Department of Justice has no objection to Executive approval of this bill.

Sincerely,

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Robert A. McConnell
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legislative Affairs

Proposed Signing Statement

We are a nation of immigrants and their children. The instinctive generosity in the American spirit is the special heritage of a land that has welcomed so many to our shores seeking liberty and opportunity. The Act of Congress to which today I set my hand is in that best tradition of our country.

The Act offers a home here to many with a special and rightful place in our hearts -- American children born in Asia, the sons and daughters of Americans who carried the cause of freedom to East Asian shores. Forgotten by our laws, these children could never be forgotten by our people.

Often the subjects of discrimination in the countries of their birth, the Amerasian children are by this law welcomed to the country of their fathers. This is a good and humane law, and one for which its sponsors, Senator Denton and Congressman McKinney, have their nation's gratitude.

We cannot rest, however, in our efforts to ensure wise and humane immigration laws. While we will maintain our proud tradition of accepting immigrants and refugees to our shores, not even this great and prosperous nation can accept all who would come here. In fairness to our own people, not all of whom have realized the dreams that brought their fathers here, we must act to regain control of our borders and our destiny.

Legislation now pending in the Congress, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1982, would accomplish necessary reforms of our

immigration laws to curb illegal immigration, while sustaining legal migration within fair and realistic limits.

I strongly urge the Congress to enact this important bipartisan legislation when it returns from the fall recess. If it does, the promise we make today to the Amerasian children and the promise our great experiment in liberty has held for those who came before surely will endure.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20310

8 OCT 1982

Honorable David A. Stockman
Director, Office of Management
and Budget
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Stockman:

The Secretary of Defense has delegated responsibility to the to the Department of the Army for reporting the views of the Department of Defense on enrolled enactment S.1698, 97th Congress, "To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide preferential treatment in the admission of certain children of U.S. citizens."

The Department of the Army on behalf of the Department of Defense recommends approval of the enrolled enactment.

This act provides for special immigration preference for aliens born in Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Kampuchea, or Thailand after 1950 fathered by United States citizens.

The enactment of the measure is considered desirable because children of our citizens who were born in Vietnam during the period of our armed assistance to the Republic of South Vietnam, and are still there, are being ill treated by the Vietnamese and are considered outcasts in their society solely because of their American parentage. It is reported that many suffer physical abuse and social degradation. Undoubtedly they possess emotional and psychological scars as a result of the treatment they have received and the fact that they have been raised in abnormal circumstances. The children from Korea, Laos, Thailand, and Kampuchea are discriminated against in more subtle ways.

Approval of the enactment will cause no apparent increase in the budgetary requirements of the Department of Defense.

This report has been coordinated within the Department of Defense in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

Sincerely,

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William D. Clark
Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Manpower and Reserve Affairs)



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

OCT 8 1982

Dear Mr. Stockman:

I refer to Mr. James M. Frey's request for the views and recommendation of the Department of State for Presidential action on enrolled bill S. 1698, "To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide preferential treatment in the admission of certain children of United States citizens."

The Department of State fully supports S. 1698 and wholeheartedly recommends that the President sign it into law.

We have delayed too long in recognizing our moral responsibility in providing for these children of American fathers. They have suffered widespread harassment and discrimination for many years on the basis of their mixed racial heritage or because of the nationality of their fathers.

This legislation has been carefully drafted to benefit Amerasians by allowing them special consideration in entering the United States and assuring that they receive the necessary private support once they arrive here.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

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Powell A. Moore
Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

The Honorable
David A. Stockman, Director,
Office of Management and Budget.

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGENCY
AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20523

GENERAL COUNSEL

Mr. James M. Frey
Assistant Director for Legislative
Reference
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Frey:

This letter is in response to your request for the position of this Agency on the enrolled bill, ~~H.R.~~ S. 1698, an act to provide preferential treatment in the admission of certain children of United States citizens.

On behalf of the Agency for International Development, I am pleased to advise that there is no obligation to the President's signing of the enrolled bill.

Sincerely yours,

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Chandler L. van Orman

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

SECRETARY OF LABOR
WASHINGTON, D.C.

OCT 19 1982

Honorable David A. Stockman
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

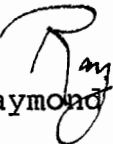
Dear Dave:

This is in response to your request for our views on an enrolled bill, S. 1698, "To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide preferential treatment in the admission of certain children of United States citizens."

This bill would allow for the immigration to the United States of Asian children born in Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Kampuchea, or Thailand after 1950 and fathered by American citizens. The bill would require, among other things, that the children be sponsored by a United States citizen or permanent resident who will assume legal custody and financial support for the alien child.

We have no objection to Presidential approval of this bill.

Sincerely,


Raymond J. Donovan

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

October 22, 1982

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
IN SIGNING CEREMONY FOR
IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT AMENDMENT

October 22, 1982

The Roosevelt Room

2:34 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: This is a happy occasion, I think, for all of us here. Today I'm signing into law legislation that comes to grips with a problem that I think should touch every American's heart.

During the last three decades when tens of thousands of our airmen, soldiers and Marines and sailors went to Southeast Asia and Korea to prevent aggression and protect the vital interests of our country, a number of Amerasian children were born.

And when the fathers returned to the United States, far too often innocent children were left without parent or without a country. Through no fault of their own, these children have frequently lived in the most wretched of circumstances and often have been ostracized in the lands of their birth.

Today it gives me great pleasure to sign Senate Bill 1698, a major step toward facing up to the moral responsibility that we can't ignore. This good and humane law -- and it is that -- recognizes the rightful claim of Amerasian children to American citizenship and permits their entry into our country after arrangements have been made for their care with families or with private organizations.

The sponsors of the legislation, Senator Jeremiah Denton and Congressman Stuart McKinney deserve a special word of thanks for their efforts to reunite these children with those who will love and care for them. And also my thanks to Father Alfred Kean who worked so hard for this bill. And really he brought it to the government's attention. Now he is not here, but his sister Judy is here, and with her are Julie and Scott Tripp, the adopted children of her sister and we also have Eddie Chey and Jeannie Choi who are students at Gonzaga University in Spokane. I'll bet they found out already that that is where Bing Crosby was a student. (Laughter.)

Americans have always opened their hearts to those coming from distant lands to make a new life here, to live in freedom and to improve their lot. In this case I think we should go a step further. Instead of saying welcome to these children, we should say welcome home.

And now I am going to sign this bill and make it official.

(The President signs the legislation.)

And I do so with a pen that can only write one word to make sure that it is the only place -- And there it is. It is all legal. (Applause.)

END

2:37 P.M. EDT