Dear Amon:

Thanks very much for your letter which reached here over the weekend with reference to the desire of Mr. J. A. Yedgar to obtain admittance to the United States for his daughter, Miss Nanajan Yedgar. I am glad to have your high estimate of Mr. Yedgar and I know he merits the fine things you say about him. I also am happy to know of your interest in this case.

We have been working on his daughter's problem for several months and have explored every possibility, including special legislation. The situation seems to be this:

Miss Yedgar left Iran in 1942 and went to Iraq. We have tried without success thus far to expedite the reaching of her name on the quota list under the Iranian quota, and have also been unable to obtain her admittance under the Displaced Persons Act. We find that Miss Yedgar registered for a visa February 20, 1946. The Department tells us that they are now processing applications which were submitted in December 1945. It looks like it might not be too long before her name is reached. However, there is another complication; her present passport from Iran expires March 19th.

I am getting in touch with the American Embassy in Baghdad with a view to seeing if her passport may be extended. Also, I am asking them to go thoroughly into Miss Nanajan's case to determine whether she may be admitted to the United States under Section 3(c) of the Displaced Persons Act of 1948 as amended.

The only remedy through legislation would be a bill directing that the Secretary of State issue her a visa. In talking to the people of the subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate who would handle such legislation, I am
informed that there would be very little chance of such a bill being voted out of the committee. The State Department frowns upon such legislation, I am told and with an adverse report from the Department there would be little likelihood that the bill would be approved.

I am extremely pleased you wrote me as you did and to know of your interest in this problem. You may be sure that I will let you know as soon as I hear from the American Embassy in Baghdad.

With warm personal regards and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

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