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COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

April 5, 1952

Dear Amon:

I am passing along to you the enclosed letter from the American Ambassador in Baghdad, Iraq, with further reference to the visa case of Miss Nanajan Yedgar, for your information. Under the circumstances, I just don't know what else I can do through the United States authorities right at this time. However, I shall continue to watch her case with a view of being of any help I can.

When you have had a chance to review

Ambassador Crocker's reply, I shall be glad to
have your further suggestions.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Amon G. Carter
Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Fort Worth, Texas



THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO:

AMERICAN EMBASSY,
Baghdad, Iraq,
March 24, 1952.

My dear Mr. Johnson:

The Embassy has received your letter of March 11, 1952, concerning the visa status of Miss Nanajan Yedgar, a daughter of one of your constituents.

The Embassy's records show that Miss Yedgar registered here on February 20, 1946, as an intending immigrant under the non-preference portion of the Iranian quota. This quota is very heavily oversubscribed and is very small, allowing for only one hundred immigrants each year. At the present time visas are being issued only to applicants who registered prior to January 1, 1946. Miss Yedgar will thus encounter a further delay before her turn for immigration arrives.

The facts in Miss Yedgar's case do not entitle her to either preference or priority status, as defined by the immigration laws and regulations. Nor can she be considered as a displaced person under the Displaced Persons Act, as amended. Section 3(c) of that Act, which you mentioned in your letter, is applicable only to persons of European national origin; this restriction would serve to exclude Miss Yedgar from consideration as an eligible displaced person.

According to our information Miss Yedgar has never received an American visa of any type. Perhaps the visa she possesses, which according to her father was due to expire on March 19, 1952, is an Iraqi visa permitting her to reside here. In that case the extension of the visa is a matter for Miss Yedgar to discuss with the appropriate Iraqi authorities.

Miss Yedgar's visa application will receive every consideration possible under the applicable laws and regulations when her turn for a quota number arrives.

Edward S. Crocker American Ambassador

The Honorable
Lyndon B. Johnson,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.