

Belém, Pará

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Mr. Marshall Whitlock
American Consular Agent
Manaus, Amazonas

Dear Marshall:

Thank you for your letter of December 14, 1973.

This is a hurried letter. I have just returned from flying a support mission with the Wyclif group here to the headwaters of the Jari and Paru Rivers visiting the Oambí and Apalaí Indians.

My reaction to the Johnson's three questions is negative, although I will doublecheck the regulations and issue a formal reply next week. As far as I know the applicant for naturalization must appear in person before a Naturalization Court in the U.S. Unless the person has taken out a Re-Entry Permit they must be back on U.S. territory (including Puerto Rico) by 365 days from the date they last left the U.S. Re-entry permits obtainable only in the U.S. may be ~~re~~ renewed for a second year at the Consulate. A marriage certificate must be ~~submitted with~~ presented with every copy of application for Registration of the Birth Abroad of a U.S. citizen. I'll check the appropriate sections of the law by next week which should give the Johnson's some points of reference if they have to correspond with anyone in the U.S.

I ran into João Walter and Hugo de Almeida outside the Hotel Grão Pará last week so I had a chance to say good by. It worked out better than a formal call because João Walter is always more at ease outside of an official situation and Hugo Almeida was less effusive.

Cindy and Susie join me in sending our best for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Paul H. Wackerbarth
Consul