

Belém, Pará

December 27, 1972

Mr. Marshall Whitlock
American Consular Agent
Manaus, Amazonas

Dear Marshall:

Our pouch service seems to be out of kilter again. Last week's dispatch from Manaus didn't get here until Thursday morning. I haven't received this week's dispatch yet. With holidays on Monday this week and next, it may be a while before we're on track again.

The passports and birth certificates sent last week are returned to you this week. There has been an amendment to the law requiring five years residence in the U.S. for a child born overseas of only one American citizen parent. The new regulations call for two continuous years of residence. Continuous is defined as not spending more than 60 days per year outside the U.S. The period of time remains at between the ages of 14 and 28. I am not altogether clear on this regulation myself as it has just come out. I would suggest you mention this to Saul Benchimol and that I will discuss it with him further on my next trip. I will also try to bring him a copy of the new section as he had requested it previously.

We are still holding the birth registration application for Micheal Roy Hunter.

Tomorrow, December 28, has been declared a national day of mourning for President Truman by President Nixon. Our offices here will be closed. If you receive any messages of condolence, please forward them here and I'll reply to them.

I am enclosing in today's pouch a Christmas card for David Bungard of Booth Lines. Could you see to it that it is delivered to him.

We have received from Manaus the recovered lost passport of Joseph Willard Harmon. Will you see to it that he gets it. I would suggest you send a note to him asking him to come and pick it up. He is not registered here. it would be helpful if he filled out a registration card.

Thank you for the Christmas card. My warmest wishes to you and your family for the new year.

Sincerely,

Paul H. Wackerbarth
Principal Officer