

EVIDENCE OF SUPPORT IN CASES OF PERSONS DESIRING TO
JOIN RELATIVES OR FRIENDS IN THE UNITED STATES

In the case of an applicant who intends to join one or more near relatives or friends in the United States, upon whom he or she would be dependent for support, it is suggested that an affidavit, as described below, be prepared IN DUPLICATE by each of such relatives and executed before a Notary Public and forwarded to the applicant for presentation to the American Consul abroad.

It is emphasized that, in general, substantial weight can only be given to the affidavits of very near relatives, as it will readily be understood that little or no moral responsibility for an immigrant can be or is attached to distant relatives or mere friends, unless special circumstances meriting consideration are fully explained. To be most useful, affidavits of relatives should cover the following points:

- (1) The name and address of the sponsor and relationship to the alien.
- (2) The citizenship of the sponsor and if he is an alien, the place and date of legal admission to the United States and name of the vessel, railroad or other carrier on which sponsor arrived in the United States. (see also Section C below) If the sponsor is an American citizen, statement should be made as to how citizenship acquired, whether by birth or naturalization. A naturalized American citizen should state the date and place of naturalization, the name of the Court in which naturalized and the number of the naturalization certificate.
- (3) The yearly salary and yearly income of the sponsor, supported by corroborative evidence as described in Section B below.
- (4) Amount of present bank deposits.
- (5) Market value of other property, including stocks, bonds or real estate. If there is an encumbrance on the real estate, the amount should be stated.
- (6) A statement as to whether the sponsor has any dependents, and if so, the age and sex of each dependent.
- (7) A statement as to whether any sort of employment has been arranged for the applicant.
- (8) An assurance that the sponsor is able and willing to support the applicant for as long a time as necessary and a solemn guarantee that the sponsor will not permit the applicant to become a burden on charity or a public charge if admitted to the United States.
- (9) In the case of a fiance, a solemn declaration of intention to marry immediately upon the arrival of the fiance in the United States.
- (10) Sponsor should give the names, age, present whereabouts and economic conditions of any other visa applicant he has agreed to assist.
- ✓(11) In the event a person in the United States is sponsoring the case of a visa applicant whom he or she is under no legal or moral obligation to support, the sponsor should outline exactly what plans have been or will be made for the alien following admission into the United States, citing particularly the extent to which

the sponsor is prepared to assist the alien in a business venture or alternatively to contribute to his or her support, stating the reasons which prompt the sponsor to undertake the burden of alien's support in the absence of legal or moral obligation to do so.

If the sponsor is a citizen of the United States and the alien who intends to proceed to the United States is sponsor's wife, husband, child under 21 years of age, father or mother, Form I-133 (old Form 633) should be executed in duplicate by the sponsor and forwarded direct to the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, Franklin Trust Building, Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania. This form with instructions as to its execution may be obtained at any office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Affidavit of support and the supporting evidence described in this circular should be executed and attached to the Form I-133 if the alien relative is residing outside the United States.

B. CORROBORATIVE EVIDENCE:

In support of the affidavits, there should be submitted LETTERS IN DUPLICATE from employers, bankers, or other responsible third parties in a position to know the facts confirming the various allegations concerning the financial capacity of the sponsors.

In the case of an employed person, the employer should submit a letter stating how long the employed person has been with the firm, the salary received and whether or not the employment, so far as can be foreseen, is regarded as permanent. If the employed person claims the possession of bank deposits, letter should be secured from an officer of the bank stating amount on deposit, length of time the account has been carried at the bank and whether any considerable amount thereof has been deposited during the past six months. If the sponsor has real estate, tax receipts may be exhibited.

If the sponsor's income is derived as owner of a business, a credit report on the sponsor's earnings therefrom may be furnished. Certified copies of recent income tax returns are also acceptable evidence.

C. VERIFICATION OF SPONSOR'S LEGAL ADMISSION:

Alien residents in the United States who desire to assist their relatives to emigrate thereto, must furnish proof of their own legal admission for permanent residence into the United States.

Form 575 for use in furnishing this information to the American Consuls may be obtained at any office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.