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### **LETTER TO ALL IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES REGARDING SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS**

TO: All Immigrants and Refugees

FROM: Social Security Administration

SUBJECT: Social Security Numbers for All Family Members

We are pleased to welcome you to the United States. By law, each immigrant or refugee admitted to the U.S.A. must obtain a Social Security number. You will need a Social Security number to work in the United States, to open a bank account, to pay taxes, and for many other purposes.

When you are settled in your new home, please telephone the Social Security office to find out where to apply for a Social Security number. The telephone number is listed in the local telephone directory under "United States Government."

Take the passport or travel document, "Alien Registration Receipt Card" (Form I-551) if any, and the birth certificate (if you have one) for each family member to the Social Security office. A Social Security representative will help you complete the Social Security number application form. (A Social Security card will be mailed to your home approximately 2 weeks after the Social Security Office has everything it needs. If the Social Security Office needs to verify documents with the issuing agency, it may take longer.)

NOTE: This letter should be reproduced locally and provided to all persons issued immigrant visas or refugee documentation. Where appropriate, posts may arrange for translation and printing in the local language on the reverse of the English version. Department approval of translations is not required.