

## **9 FAM 41.54 Procedural Notes**

*(TL:VISA-172; 10-30-1997)*

### **9 FAM 41.54 PN1 Posts Not to Request Status of Petitions Filed with INS**

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Posts generally shall not request the Department to provide status reports on petitions filed with the INS, nor shall they contact the INS directly for such reports. As an alternative, posts may suggest that the applicant communicate with his/her sponsor. Cases of public relations significance may be submitted to the Department (TAGS: CVIS). Justification for such action must be included with post's request.

### **9 FAM 41.54 PN2 Recording of Approved Nonimmigrant Petition Data in CLASS and NIVCAPS**

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a. In order to locate approved petitions more easily, posts may wish to enter the names of beneficiaries in CLASS under code "L", which is provided specifically for this purpose. The Nonimmigrant Visa Computer Assisted Processing System (NIVCAPS) provides a special screen for entering petition data and for transmitting code "L" entries to CLASS.

b. Once petitions have been recorded in the NIVCAPS system, posts may, at their discretion, destroy the paper copies. INS will not, however, provide posts with duplicate copies of petition files at a later time.

