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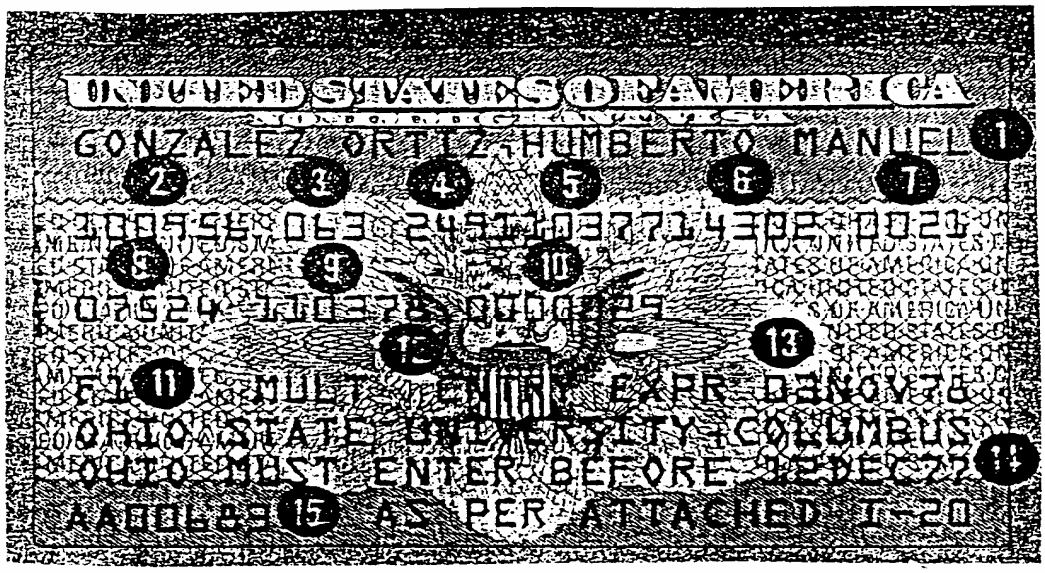

1. Last name(s), first name(s)
2. Date of birth (month, day, year)
3. Place of birth
4. Post issuing visa (3 digits)
5. Date of visa issuance (month, day, year)
6. Visa serial number (5 digits)
7. Validation number for line 2 plus check digit
8. Applicant's name in Soundex
9. Date of visa expiration (month, day, year)
10. Validation number for lines 2 and 3 plus check digit
11. Visa classification
12. Number of entries
13. Date of visa expiration
14. Special data (optional field)
15. Visa control number

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GUIDELINES FOR READING ANVIS VISA

A. Description Of Anvis Visa Foil

Nonimmigrant visas produced by ANVIS were printed on a self–adhesive label, The ANVIS Visa Foil, which is approximately 3–1/2" long and 2" wide. The foil is printed with fine line engraving in orange, blue, and yellow inks except for a block of OCR characters printed in black ink in the lower left corner. The top border has an orange background overlaid with orange fine lines. The words "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" appear in large block white letters shaded with orange in the top border. Directly below "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," the words "NONIMMIGRANT VISA" appear in smaller block white letters shaded in orange.

The center of the foil contains a fine line engraving in orange of the eagle side of the Great Seal of the United States, bordered by a series of orange, yellow, mixed yellow and blue, and blue fine lines. The extreme left and right mid–portions contain the background words "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" printed in small yellow block letters overlaid with a blue line pattern.

The bottom border has an orange background overlaid with darker orange fine lines similar to the top border. In the lower left corner of the foil, a visa control number is printed in black OCR type A characters.

B. Description of an Issued Anvis Visa

The following paragraphs describe the 15 data fields which appear on a validly issued ANVIS visa.

All OCR characters appearing on the visa except the visa control number are printed by the issuing post.

1. **Last name(s), first name(s).** First line, occupies as much of the line as needed; field length is 30 alphabetic characters, including blank spaces and comma. Contains the surname(s), followed by a comma and the given name(s) of the principal bearer of the visa.

2. **Date of birth.** Second line, first data group; six numeric characters. Contains principal bearer's date of birth in month–day–year sequence; e.g., "040507" (April 5, 1907).

3. **Place of birth.** Second line, second data group; three numeric characters. Contains a three–digit code indicating principal's bearer's place of birth, based on the standard INS country code list (§2304.24 of INS Administrative Manual).

4. **Post issuing visa.** Second line, third data group; first three numeric characters. Contains a three–digit code indicating issuing post; e.g., the code "249" on the same visa indicates Toronto.

5. **Date of visa issuance.** Second line, third data group; fourth through ninth characters (six numeric characters). Contains date of visa issuance in month–day–year sequence; e.g., "030979" (March 9, 1979).

6. **Visa serial number.** Second line, third data group; tenth through fourteenth characters (five numeric characters). Contains a five–digit case number assigned to principal bearer's visa application by issuing post when processing is initiated.

7. **Validation number for line 2 plus check digit.** Second line, fourth data group; four numeric characters. Contains a four–digit number generated by a mathematical formula in the ANVIS computer which uses the numbers in data fields 2 through 6 as the basis for the computation. Any digits may appear in any of the four positions.

8. **Applicant's name in Soundex.** Third line, first data group; five numeric characters. Contains a five–digit code representing the first letter and up to three additional consonants of principal bearer's last name. The first two digits are determined from the initial letter of the last name as follows: A=01, B=02, C=03, etc. to Z=26. The remaining three digits are determined from the Soundex table (see below) and represent consonants following the initial letter. Vowels are not coded except when they occur as the first letter.

SOUNDEX TABLE

B, F, P, V =1

C, G, J, K, Q, S, X, Z =2

D, T =3

L = 4

M, N =5

R =6

W, H, and Y are ignored.

9. **Date of visa expiration.** Third line, second data group; six numeric characters. Contains date of visa expiration in month–day–year sequence; e.g., "091580" (September 15, 1980). Shows "999999" for indefinite validity visas.

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10. **Validation number for lines 2 and 3 plus check digit.** Third line, third data group; seven numeric characters. Contains a seven–digit number generated by a mathematical formula in the ANVIS computer which uses the numbers in data fields 2 through 9 as the basis for the computation. Any digits may appear in any of the seven positions.

11. **Visa classification.** Fourth line, first data group; five alphabetic/numeric characters which may include blank spaces. Contains any valid visa classification. The firgule (/) is used in this field but the date (–) is not. Examples: A1, A2, B1/B2, D, F2, NATO3, etc.

12. **Number of entries.** Fourth line, second data group; 11 alphabetic characters including one or more blank spaces. Contains one of the words "ONE," "TWO," etc. through "NINE" or the abbreviation "MULT" (for "multiple"), followed by the word "ENTRY" (singular form only).

13. **Date of visa expiration.** Fourth line, third data group; 11 alphabetic/numeric characters including a blank space. Contains the abbreviation "EXPR" (for "expires") followed by seven–character date in day–month–year sequence; e.g., "04APR80" (April 4, 1980) or "12JUL84" (July 12, 1984). Shows "INDEF" for indefinite validity visas.

14. **Special data (optional field).** Fifth and sixth lines, 80 alphabetic/numeric characters including blank spaces; also, last 20 spaces of seventh line. Contains any data normally hand annotated on a hand or machine stamped visa; e.g., information concerning 212(d)(3)(A) waivers, names of dependents included on the visa, school to which student is destined, H or L petition number, etc. If there are "no special data," the abbreviation "NSD" appears as the first three characters and remainder of field is blank. If such annotations cannot be completed in the space allotted for special data, the ANVIS visa may also contain hand notations.

15. **Visa control number.** Bottom left corner of ANVIS visa foil; 10 alphabetic/numeric characters or spaces. This number is printed on the ANVIS foil at the time the multi–colored background designs are printed and is the only OCR printing on the foil not done by the issuing post. It is used by the Department and ANVIS posts for accountability purposes.

NOTE: In ANVIS visas issued before May 30, 1979, several of the OCR data fields differed in content and arrangement from the format described in these guidelines.