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FACT-FINDING FORUM OF THE
COLORADO ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TO THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS
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Re: Applications of the Immigration Control and Reform Act of 1986

COLORADO ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Maxine Kurtz, Chairperson

UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS MEMBERS:
Thomas V. Pilla
Arthur Palacios

ALSO PRESENT: Francisco J. Flores, Jr. - Witness Jack Lang y Marquez - Witness Darlene Ortega - Witness

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Pursuant to notice to all parties in
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      interest, the above-entitled matter came on for
      hearing before the Fact-Finding Forum of the Colorado
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      Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on
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      Civil Rights on Friday, September 11, 1987, commencing
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      at 9:04 a.m., in the Columbine Room, Radisson Hotel,
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      Denver, Colorado, before Caroline R. Castle, Certified
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      Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public within and for
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      the State of Colorado.
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MS. KURTZ: I'm now going to open the Friday
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      portion of the forum on the impact of the Immigration
      Reform and Control Act in the Denver portion of our
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      hearings.
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                Our first witness is Mr. Flores from the
             And, Mr. Flores, for the record, would you
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      please state your full name, your organization and
      vour address.
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                MR. FLORES: Okay. My name is Francisco J.
                   I'm the district director of the Denver
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      Flores, Jr.
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      office of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.
      We're located at 1845 Sherman Street, second floor,
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      Denver, Colorado.
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                MS. KURTZ:
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16 Mr. Flores, the Immigration Reform and Control Act is 17 gradually being implemented throughout the country, 18 and one of the concerns that has been expressed is the 19 possibility of either inadvertent or deliberate 20 discrimination against protected parties and in this 21 southwestern part of the country, obviously, with 22 probably some considerable emphasis on the 23 undocumented aliens that come in from Mexico --24 although it is not limited to that -- the potential 25 exists, obviously, for this kind of discrimination.

Thank you, sir. As you know,

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1 The statute has an anti-discrimination
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- 2 clause in it. And we, the U.S. Civil Rights
- 3 Commission, like the EEOC, were mandated by Congress
- 4 to do something about monitoring the impact of the Act
- 5 with respect to the undocumented aliens in terms of
- 6 how it is being administered and how it is being
- 7 carried out by the employers and other interested
- 8 parties.
- 9 Let me ask you a few initial questions, and
- then you may want to come up with a summary statement,
- ll if you wish.
- 12 MR. FLORES: Okay.
- MS. KURTZ: Have you been having any
- 14 increase in complaints about discrimination based on
- 15 the Immigration Reform and Control Act?
- 16 MR. FLORES: No, we have not had any
- 17 increase. I believe that we have had to date one
- 18 charge filed that could be considered to be
- 19 Immigration Reform related.
- MS. KURTZ: Are you cooperating -- that is,
- 21 the EEOC -- are you cooperating with the Immigration
- 22 and Naturalization Service in working with employers
- on the documentation of their workers?
- MR. FLORES: Yes, we are, and we've done
- 25 several things along those lines. First of all,

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1 locally here, the Department of Labor, the State
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- 2 Department of Labor put together a series of 20
- 3 seminars for employers throughout the state. There
- 4 were two versions, one for agricultural employers and
- 5 one for nonagricultural employers.
- 6 Both the INS and ourselves, along with the
- 7 American Immigration Lawyers Association and the
- 8 Colorado Department of Labor and the governor's
- 9 office, participated in those seminars. These were
- 10 held throughout the state in such cities as Durango,
- 11 Montrose, Grand Junction, Lamar and throughout the
- 12 state, as well as in the metropolitan area here.
- ·In addition to that, I will be going to
- 14 Aspen week after next to conduct a seminar there also
- for employers. I understand the INS will also be
- there. I think Mr. Charles McClure of the Immigration
- 17 and Naturalization Service will be there.
- There's other things that have been going on
- 19 nationally. The EEOC nationally has been meeting with
- the Department of Justice, attempting to reach a
- 21 memorandum of understanding on the filing of charges.
- Other things that we have done, though, prior to that
- 23 -- that MOU has not been signed yet; nor has, I
- 24 believe, agreement been reached on the entire
- 25 substance of the MOU -- but we have done some things

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1 preparatory to that.
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- 2 We have been directed by our headquarters at
- 3 the local level to advise people coming to us that
- 4 have questions as to amnesty, we are to direct them to
- 5 the QDEs, the Qualified -- what are they -- Qualified
- 6 Designated Entities for advice. Additionally, we will
- 7 take charges of discrimination, even though the
- 8 employer -- we know even at the intake stage that
- 9 employers do not have the 15 employees, we will take
- 10 charges. We will forward those to our Washington
- 11 office, who in turn will turn them over to the
- 12 Department of Justice.
- In the near future, INS or the Department of
- 14 Justice is supposed to be providing us with the
- official charge forms that will be used by the special
- 16 counsel, and we will furnish them to the public upon
- 17 request.
- MS. KURTZ: Have you issued any written
- materials to assist the people in complying with the
- 20 statutes?
- 21 MR. FLORES: The -- locally we have not, but
- the Commission nationwide has issued a policy
- 23 statement that was issued in, I believe it was,
- 24 February of -- February 26th, 1987. The EEOC came out
- with a policy statement on the relationship of

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1 Title VII of the Civil Rights Act to the Immigration
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- 2 Reform and Control Act of 1986. That, I understand,
- 3 has now been translated additionally into Spanish.
- 4 There were press releases that went along
- 5 with that. And those materials -- anybody wishing a
- 6 copy of those policy statements, we will certainly
- 7 give them a copy of those policy statements.
- 8 MS. KURTZ: Would you be in a position to
- 9 leave copies with us to make it part of the record in
- this proceeding?
- 11 MR. FLORES: Yes. I did bring a copy of the
- 12 -- of the press release, as well as the policy
- 13 statement. I do not have a copy of the Spanish
- 14 version with me, but I do have a copy of an August
- 15 14th press release that -- in Spanish. The policy
- 16 statement that we were given attached to that,
- however, is in English also. So this is also part of
- 18 it.
- MS. KURTZ: Mr. Flores, is there any --
- 20 would you like to make any further comments with
- 21 regard to the role of the EEOC and what experience you
- 22 are having to date?
- MR. FLORES: Basically, we've done other
- 24 things also, as far as trying to inform the public.
- 25 As far as attorneys are concerned, on May 12th the

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1 American Bar Association held a tele-conference
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- 2 throughout the country on Immigration Reform. We
- 3 participated in that by being local moderators of --
- 4 the regional attorney, Mr. Nelson Alston, and myself
- 5 as district director attended that and were
- 6 co-moderators, along with the ABA people on that
- 7 matter.
- And I've also done some local seminars, one
- 9 put on by the Latin American Research and Service
- 10 Agency, LARASA, at the Westside Health Clinic, at
- ll which I spoke. And I may add that INS was also
- 12 present at that particular seminar.
- Additionally, in Durango, Colorado we have
- 14 as an agency a voluntary assistance program. And that
- is to inform employers, usually smaller-size and
- medium-size employers, how to comply with Title VII.
- 17 We have incorporated into the agenda of those
- 18 voluntary assistance programs the Immigration Reform
- 19 and how it relates to Title VII.
- The Colorado Department of Labor has put out
- 21 a brochure that explains the Immigration Reform and
- 22 Control Act and the requirements to all the people
- 23 that come for referrals to them seeking employment.
- Our -- there is a section in that brochure that deals
- 25 with employment discrimination and has our district

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office name, address and phone number there so that
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- 2 people can contact us there. I have received a couple
- of phone calls, inquiries regarding matters dealing
- 4 with Immigration Reform.
- 5 I believe I have covered everything, unless
- 6 you have any specific questions as to any other
- 7 matters. I believe I have covered generally what the
- 8 agency has been doing.
- 9 MS. KURTZ: Do you -- I know this is
- 10 speculative, but of course the enforcement is just
- 11 starting. I believe they made their first field
- inspection yesterday morning. Do you have any
- estimate of what might be the impact on charges filed
- 14 with you as they get into the enforcement aspects of
- 15 the Immigration Reform Act? I know it's speculative.
- 16 MR. FLORES: It's very speculative. I
- imagine that we'll have more charges than what we've
- 18 received so far. Up to now, of course, people were
- able to just put special rules on the I-9s, but now as
- of September 1, of course, that's no longer
- 21 applicable. They must have actually filed their
- 22 papers with the INS, and we need proof of that before
- 23 employers can legally employ them.
- So I suspect that there will be some. How
- many, I don't know. I don't know what the population

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is out there to be able to give any sort of an
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- 2 accurate estimate.
- MS. KURTZ: Will your staff be handling any
- 4 of those complaints locally, or is everything simply
- 5 going to go from you to Washington and then across to
- 6 Justice?
- 7 MR. FLORES: No. Let me make a
- 8 clarification. On those charges where we have
- 9 jurisdiction, in other words, employers with 15 or
- more employees, we will do the actual investigations
- ll here.
- MS. KURTZ: So just the small employers?
- 13 MR. FLORES: It's just the small employers
- 14 that fall strictly within the Immigration Reform and
- 15 Control Act. Now, there's one additional factor
- involved here that I don't know that many people have
- 17 considered, which is that most of the states -- all of
- the states in my region, in my district here, which is
- 19 six states, the states of North Dakota, South Dakota,
- 20 Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and Nebraska; all of those
- 21 have state and local Fair Employment Practices
- 22 Commissions.
- Most of those have employee limits far lower
- than ours, some as low as two employees, some of them
- any employees, anybody that has any employees is

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1 considered an employer and therefore subject to the
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- 2 Anti-Discrimination Acts, the state
- 3 Anti-Discrimination Acts. Some of those charges may
- 4 be filed with those state agencies.
- Now, I will raise that point in a meeting
- 6 with all of the directors of the state agencies and
- one local agency that we find. I believe that's set
- 8 for the latter part of October. And I will raise that
- 9 -- we're going to raise several points regarding --
- 10 MS. KURTZ: Do you -- I know that these are
- 11 so-called 706 agencies, what you're discussing. I
- 12 presume that the discrimination is being filed under
- 13 Title VII, national origin, rather than under
- discrimination under the Immigration Control and
- 15 Reform -- Reform and Control Act, and therefore your
- 16 deferral would be effective --
- 17 MR. FLORES: Well, the charges that I'm
- 18 particularly talking about are those where we don't
- 19 have jurisdiction because of the number of employees.
- MS. KURTZ: Yes.
- 21 MR. FLORES: However, there may be overlap
- between the state 706 agencies and the local 706
- 23 agencies. Their statutes or their ordinances go --
- have a far lower limit of employees before an employer
- 25 is covered. And therefore, it would be a violation of

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1 the Immigration Reform and Control Act, as well as
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- 2 either the state statute or the local ordinance.
- And I think we need to work out between us
- 4 and the 706 agencies a procedure whereby they would
- 5 also refer these folks to the Department of Justice
- 6 and the office of the special counsel.
- 7 MS. KURTZ: I see. So it's kind of a
- 8 reverse referral to the normal --
- 9 MR. FLORES: Right. In other words, they
- have jurisdiction to process and everything else. But
- II I would hope that they would want to protect the
- individual's federal rights, as well as their state or
- 13 local rights.
- MS. KURTZ: Do you have any questions?
- MR. PALACIOS: Without divulging the names
- of the employer or the employee, could you just
- 17 briefly describe the allegations of that one charge
- 18 you mentioned?
- MR. FLORES: I'm sorry. I have not looked
- 20 at the charge. I just know that it is in our system.
- 21 I don't know what the allegations are.
- MR. PALACIOS: Another question. You
- 23 mentioned that there was a seminar held in Durango.
- 24 Did you attend that one?
- 25 MR. FLORES: I attended the voluntary

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- one of the seminars of the 20 seminars in Montrose.
- MR. PALACIOS: Which is right up there?
- 4 MR. FLORES: Right.
- 5 MR. PALACIOS: How was that publicized?
- 6 MR. FLORES: The Department of Labor -- and
- 7 unfortunately, I believe the Department of Labor had
- 8 the same problem that you all had in your notices
- 9 about these particular hearings. They sent out, I
- believe, something like 80,000 notices to employers
- 11 throughout the state.
- However, at least by the time that the
- 13 Montrose seminar was held, which I attended -- and
- that was held on the 29th of June, which was a Monday
- 15 -- most of the employers had received their notices
- that previous Friday or that weekend, and some of them
- 17 had not even received them yet. However, all seminars
- held subsequent to that, I believe that the notices
- 19 arrived in time for people to attend.
- 20 At the particular seminar in Montrose, there
- 21 were about 25 in the morning session, which was for
- 22 nonagricultural employers, and about 25 also in the
- 23 afternoon session for agricultural employers.
- MR. PALACIOS: So you think that's a good
- turnout, or do you have any way of knowing?

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MR. FLORES: I don't have a range. Others,
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- I hear there were greater turnouts. The earlier ones,
- 3 it was poor turnout at some of them. It was maybe 10,
- 4 15 people there at those seminars. But the later ones
- 5 when employers had gotten notice of it, they attended.
- 6 I've heard, you know, some figures as high as 200, I
- 7 think at seminars. But I think that that was here in
- 8 the metro area.
- 9 MR. PALACIOS: Okay. Those 80 some odd
- 10 thousand letters that went out, would the businessmen
- in Cortez have received those?
- MR. FLORES: I don't know what their mail --
- that mailing was done by the state, and I don't know
- 14 what --
- MR. PALACIOS: The reason I ask is because I
- 16 was in Cortez a couple days ago, and the question that
- came up there was -- first of all, there was a total,
- 18 complete confusion about the I-9. They didn't
- understand it, and they were just thoroughly confused.
- 20 But they also said that no one had come down there and
- 21 talked to them about it.
- And so what they would desperately like is
- some kind of a seminar or workshop or something in the
- 24 Cortez area for the businessmen down there.
- MR. FLORES: Like I said, I don't believe

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that there was one in Cortez. But there was one in
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- 2 Durango that was held sometime towards the middle part
- 3 of July. We had our voluntary assistance program on
- 4 June 30th in Durango. I did the employment
- 5 discrimination portion of it. But I got flooded by
- 6 questions regarding the I-9. And you're right, they
- 7 have a lot of questions down there.
- 8 And I simply told them, "Look, I know a
- 9 little bit about it, but I'm not the authority on
- that; the INS is. We simply enforce Title VII and the
- 11 Civil Rights Act, and we don't get into the
- 12 Immigration Reform and Control Act. I know -- because
- 13 I've attended all these seminars, I know what's
- 14 required and what's not required on these forms, but
- 15 I'm not the official word on that."
- MR. PALACIOS: Sure.
- 17 MS. KURTZ: Any questions, Mr. Pilla?
- 18 MR. PILLA: No.
- 19 MS. KURTZ: Mr. Flores, I certainly
- 20 appreciate your taking the time to come out and meet
- 21 with us today. We apologize for the very short notice
- and appreciate all the more your effort to come out
- 23 and meet with us without a reasonable time -- advance
- 24 notice.
- I'm still going to be checking now and then

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- 2 scheduled. The post office seems to have done us in
- 3 in fairly good shape. But we certainly do very much
- 4 appreciate your presentation this morning, and it will
- 5 be made part of the official record, which we will
- 6 forward to Washington as part of our -- in response to
- 7 our Congressional mandate to look into how the program
- 8 is working.
- 9 MR. FLORES: Well, thank you very much for
- inviting us to participate in this forum.
- 11 MS. KURTZ: Thank you, sir.
- We will, then, adjourn temporarily. We're
- expecting some other people, but they haven't said
- when they will be coming in, so we'll just adjourn
- 15 temporarily.
- 16 (A recess was taken.)
- MS. KURTZ: It is now 9:30, and we're going
- 18 to reconvene our forum. The next person to testify is
- 19 Mr. Jack Lang from the Colorado Civil Rights
- 20 Commission. And if you'd just have a seat, Mr. Lang.
- 21 MR. LANG: Thank you, I will.
- MS. KURTZ: For the record -- and I know
- you've given us your business card -- would you please
- state your full name, the organization with whom you
- 25 are affiliated and the address.

Yes.

MR. LANG:

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My full name is Jack Lang y
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      Colorado Civil Rights Division is 1525 Sherman,
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      Room 600C, Denver, Colorado
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      Division of Civil Rights, or as we old-timers call it
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      the Colorado Civil Rights Commission, is one of the
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      706 agencies which we were discussing with Mr. Flores
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      a bit earlier. We also have our own parallel statutes
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      dealing with discrimination on approximately the same
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      grounds that one finds in Title VII and the Age
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      Discrimination Act and other Acts of like nature.
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                Mr. Lang, this forum is investigating the
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      impact on various parties of the Immigration Reform
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      and Control Act pursuant to a Congressional mandate to
      report back to them on what is happening with the Act.
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21 And I would ask you, please, if you would, 22 to give us a statement about what experiences, if any, 23 your agency has been encountering with respect to the 24 civil rights of the persons involved. And also if you 25 have been engaged in any educational activities to

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- 2 improve the quality of compliance, whether -- as to --
- 3 in those types of areas.
- 4 MR. LANG: Thank you, Miss Kurtz. The
- 5 Colorado Civil Rights Division, as you correctly
- 6 stated, is a 706 deferral agency. And as such, we
- 7 have been working closely with the local office of the
- 8 Equal Employment Opportunity Commission at a number of
- 9 levels.
- The first level, of course, is that of
- 11 public education. We have jointly participated in
- 12 some of the fora that were conducted statewide for
- employers, and some of our regional managers who are
- 14 stationed in Greeley, Grand Junction, Colorado Springs
- and Pueblo, as well as some of our staff here in
- Denver did have the opportunity to provide information
- 17 to employers at those fora. So that's one level at
- 18 which we've been working.
- We've also been continuing an ongoing
- 20 dialogue with the EEOC with respect to the assurance
- 21 that complaints of discrimination, as they emerge,
- will be handled expeditiously and in a non-duplicative
- 23 way. The Civil Rights Commission has a work-sharing
- agreement with the Equal Employment Opportunity
- 25 Commission, under the terms of which we investigate

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l complaints of discrimination that are initiated with
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- our agency, and the Equal Employment Opportunity
- 3 Commission investigates complaints of discrimination
- 4 which initiate with their offices.
- 5 There are some exceptions to those basic
- 6 terms of the work-sharing agreement, and one of the
- 7 anticipated exceptions may be cases that seem to have
- 8 a specific impact or a specific relevance due to the
- 9 requirements of the Immigration Reform and Control
- 10 Act.
- I would say at this point that we have very,
- very little to report in terms of complaint-filing
- 13 activity. I believe that Mr. Flores may have
- commented prior to my testimony that the -- part of
- the problem at this point is confusion with respect to
- individuals who might be entitled to file complaints.
- There are, of course, now three possible
- 18 recourses for the filing of complaints in the state of
- 19 Colorado; one of which is the State of Colorado Civil
- 20 Rights Commission, one of which is the Equal
- 21 Employment Opportunity Commission for those employers
- of 15 or more employees, and one of which is the
- Department of Justice which, frankly, has no specific
- 24 geographically located complaint-filing mechanism in
- 25 place, as I understand, in Colorado. And that, of

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      respect to employers of four employees or more.
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      general public to the fact that in order to avoid any
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fact, we haven't had any real specific indication that an individual says, "I have been denied an opportunity for employment or I have been required to -- or I've been subject to disparate treatment because of my national origin, and I believe it's a direct result of the Immigration Reform and Control Act."

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this point that have that specific allegation. The -there may be a number of reasons for this, one of
which is the very massive effort that was made to

educate employers in Colorado to assure that they are

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      in compliance with the Act initially and that all
      employees, regardless of their national origin, be
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      subjected to the same registration requirements, the
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      complaints at this point is the historic reason why
      Hispanics don't file as many complaints as their
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      numbers in society. Currently the statistics reflect
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Colorado Civil Rights Division, as far as I know, nor do they file with the Equal Employment Opportunity

Commission in proportion to their numbers within our

that Hispanics comprise 18 percent of the population

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      been conducted in Arizona to find out why people of --
      particularly bilingual people, people who don't speak
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      English well -- do not take advantage of the
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      complaint-filing process and exercise the opportunity
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      to have their -- to have violations of their civil
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      conducted under the auspices of the Phoenix City
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      Commission and Arizona State University -- learned
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      that bilingual people, be they Hispanic or oriental or
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      native American, tend not to trust various organs of
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      government just as a matter of their culture.
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      have a very low trust level that governmental agencies
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      will provide them a fair and impartial hearing or
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      understand that they are experiencing discrimination,
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      that their rights are violated and do definitely
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      acknowledge discrimination as it occurs.
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      conducted with respect to housing, is that individuals
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      simply don't want to go where they're not wanted.
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     fairly be said that it may be one of the reasons, that
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     they may not be wanted, either on the job or on the --
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The corollary of that, of course, is that such people do want to be in places where their own extended family can be found, be that blood relatives or be that simply people of their own culture and national origin. For those same reasons, I believe that the number of complaints that we can expect to be filed will be minimal.

I think that there are a couple of exacerbating factors with respect to the Immigration Reform and Control Act that will also hinder the filing of complaints, one of which is the concern that the filing of complaints may lead to deportation and may lead to misunderstanding about actual status.

There is also confusion about at what stage

a person may apply for employment, at what stage of the verification process they may apply for employment. And people feel that if they are in the

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1 process of applying for citizenship that they would
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- 2 rather not jeopardize that process by applying for
- 3 employment. I think there may be some confusion with
- 4 employers, as well. However, this is based upon
- 5 hearsay information rather than upon actual factual
- data or documentation that I could present at this
- 7 time.
- 8 You asked also what other efforts we're
- 9 making in terms of education. We have participated in
- 10 a lengthy interview program on Radio Station KUVO,
- ll which is a public broadcasting service station here in
- 12 the Denver area. And we are also scheduled to
- participate in a public service program on Radio
- 14 Station KBNO, which will be broadcast in both Spanish
- 15 and English. And the purpose of that program is
- basically to explain our role as the State Civil
- 17 Rights Commission in assisting individuals who feel
- that they've experienced discrimination.
- 19 Part of what I've said this morning has to
- do with the fact that officially the agency does not
- 21 have a lot to report. Unofficially, we have heard
- through various community resources various concerns
- about the implementation of the Act, various reasons
- 24 why complaints are not being filed. These are --
- 25 these ideas are, I'm afraid, speculative to some

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degree, but they are based upon genuine input that we
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- 2 have had from people within the community.
- One of the messages that we have tried to
- 4 get across to individuals who have called us on the
- 5 telephone for information is the importance of their
- 6 utilizing officially-designated resources for
- 7 assistance in -- particularly in attempting to obtain
- 8 citizenship.
- 9 We're quite concerned about the large number
- of so-called immigration assistance services that seem
- 11 to be springing up almost overnight in various parts
- of the City of Denver and probably in other parts of
- 13 the state. I have seen them, and I'm concerned over
- 14 the kinds of fees that may be charged and possible --
- the possibility of unscrupulous and unethical behavior
- is very real and very present.
- Again, these are not things that I can
- 18 document specifically. I'm sort of raising a flag at
- this point and saying that there should be some effort
- to monitor the various agencies that are springing up.
- 21 And to the extent that attorneys, for example, are
- 22 opening up immigration assistance offices, I believe
- they should be monitored by the Bar Association. To
- the extent that they are so-called social agencies, I
- 25 believe that the Immigration Service should clearly be

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1 monitoring them.
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2 One other barrier, I think, to -- not so 3 much to the filing of discrimination charges but to 4 the processing of citizenship applications that I'm 5 quite concerned about -- and I'm sure you've heard testimony from others -- is the fee that is charged 7 for documentation. Although it may seem a small fee 8 for the -- for what is obtained, that \$185 fee for 9 individuals is certainly a very, very large obstacle 10 for individuals who are seeking documentation. 11 I'd be glad to answer any other specific

I'd be glad to answer any other specific
questions. I hope I've addressed the questions that
you asked me.

MS. KURTZ: Do you have any questions?

MR. PALACIOS: You mentioned a \$185 fee.

MR. LANG: Right.

MR. PALACIOS: And the fact that you felt
that this was a -- a large sum of money to some of
these people. As I understand it, the total sum they
may have to pay would be 420?

MR. LANG: 420 is the cap for a family. So if it's -- you know, that would be -- I'm not sure that that's well known. I think the 185 is something that people hear, and they don't always hear at the same time that there is a cap of 420.

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MR. PALACIOS: Have you actually had
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      discussions with people that talked about that 185 and
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      since January 1, 1982 that they've been living
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      anyone to provide records to show that they've been
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      continuously living in the United States since 1982,
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      likely to keep any kinds of -- any records that would
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      citizenship I might be subject to deportation," all of
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- 2 family, knowing that you may not have what you have to
- 3 have to prove your citizenship, and at the same time
- 4 -- or your eligibility for citizenship, and at the
- 5 same time you are running the risk that if you can't
- 6 prove your eligibility for citizenship, you may be
- 7 subject to deportation. I think that the requirements
- 8 are entirely too risky for the average person who may
- 9 be eligible and qualified to take advantage of.
- MR. PALACIOS: Almost a Russian roulette
- ll kind of proposition.
- MR. LANG: I think that's a good
- 13 description.
- MR. PALACIOS: And I assume there are no
- 15 provisions -- if they cannot prove that I belong here
- legally, there are no provisions for a refund?
- 17 Probably a frivolous question, but -- they'll get
- thrown out, and they'll keep their money also?
- MR. LANG: I doubt very much if there is a
- provision for a refund. I honestly don't know, one
- 21 way or the other, if there is.
- 22 MR. PALACIOS: I'm sure there's not. The
- 23 reason I raised that question about the 185 is that
- we've heard from others who claim that that was a very
- 25 small sum to pay, considering the final outcome of the

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whole process; if, in fact, you can document and prove
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- 2 that you are legally here.
- MR. LANG: It's a small price to pay for
- 4 citizenship. In an absolute sense, that's true. The
- 5 price of citizenship is normally something that is far
- 6 more dear than that. But I'm just suggesting that
- 7 that can be one other hurdle to clear for an
- 8 individual or for a family --
- 9 MR. PALACIOS: Certainly.
- 10 MR. LANG: -- in deciding whether to even
- 11 start the application process.
- MR. PALACIOS: And I can understand that,
- the emotional barriers and burdens, certainly.
- MR. LANG: As well as the fear that the very
- 15 agency, Immigration and Naturalization Service, that
- has been essentially viewed as the enemy in terms of
- their continuing to live here, legally or illegally,
- the very agency that has traditionally been one to
- 19 fear is now supposedly going to assist them to become
- 20 citizens. And that mistrust of bureaucracy and the
- 21 mistrust of the governmental process that I suggested
- 22 earlier is a barrier to filing discrimination
- complaints also serves as a barrier to applying for
- 24 documentation of citizenship.
- MR. PALACIOS: Leaving that, have you

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1 received any charges of discrimination based on IRCA?
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- MR. LANG: We have received only a couple of
- 3 charges that seem related to that. We've had a number
- 4 of phone calls of people complaining -- both employers
- 5 and employees -- complaining about or asking about
- 6 whether, for example, the -- it is legitimate for an
- 7 employer to require such-and-such a documentation as a
- 8 condition of employment.
- We find that there is a lot of confusion
- 10 about that. And most of the inquiries that we've
- 11 received, we've been able to sort out and educate and
- 12 resolve on an informal basis. The formal complaints
- are minimal to none at this point.
- MR. PILLA: No questions.
- MS. KURTZ: Jack, thank you very much for
- 16 coming down this morning. I certainly appreciate the
- 17 cooperation of your organization in developing this
- analysis, which will become part of a formal report
- from the Commission to the Congress with regard to
- this. And what you've had to tell us has been very
- 21 helpful.
- MR. LANG: Thank you. If I might ask if
- 23 it's possible that the information specifically -- the
- 24 testimony specifically that was obtained from the
- 25 state of Colorado, if it could be shared with our

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1 agency, we would be very grateful.
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- I don't know what your process is at this
- 3 point, but it will help us in our efforts to identify
- 4 specific -- especially if there have been specific
- 5 issues identified throughout the state that should be
- 6 brought to our attention, I think this would be a very
- 7 easy means of doing that, the sharing of that
- 8 testimony with our agency.
- 9 MR. PALACIOS: If you could just send us a
- letter requesting that, we'd be happy to supply it to
- 11 you.
- MR. LANG: To whom should we address the
- 13 letter? Mr. Pilla?
- MR. PILLA: That would be fine.
- MR. LANG: All right.
- MS. KURTZ: Jack, thanks a million.
- 17 MR. LANG: Thank you very much. Appreciate
- 18 the opportunity.
- MS. KURTZ: Will you also express my
- appreciation to your director for this presentation?
- MR. LANG: I should mention that Dr. Porter
- 22 had a dental appointment this morning, or she would
- have been here personally to present this testimony.
- 24 But she asked me to be here in her stead.
- MS. KURTZ: Thank you.

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1 MR. LANG: Thank you. I hope you have some
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- 2 more business today.
- MS. KURTZ: We will. People are just kind
- 4 of drifting in.
- 5 MR. LANG: Thank you very much.
- MS. KURTZ: Would you be willing to --
- 7 MS. ORTEGA: I could comment on a little
- 8 bit. Which it won't be too much, because I think that
- 9 Mr. Lang probably said a lot the things that -- about
- 10 the culture and a lot of of the things that I deal
- ll with. But I can tell you a little bit about some of
- 12 the families that I deal with. And --
- MS. KURTZ: Wait for just a minute until
- 14 Mr. Pilla gets back.
- MS. ORTEGA: Actually, I came to observe.
- MS. KURTZ: You have a particular point of
- 17 view or a particular kind of experience that is more
- 18 direct than anybody else we've talked to.
- 19 First, would you state your name, your
- 20 organization and your address for the sake of the
- 21 record.
- MS. ORTEGA: Okay. My name is Darlene
- Ortega, and I'm acting director for the social service
- component at Servicios de LARASA, 4055 Tejon.
- MS. KURTZ: Denver?

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MS. ORTEGA: Denver 80211.
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- MS. KURTZ: Thank you. Now, I understand
- from an earlier conversation that we were having that
- 4 you have been talking directly and advising people who.
- 5 have concerns about the -- what action they should
- 6 take or what their rights might be under the
- 7 Immigration Reform and Control Act.
- 8 MS. ORTEGA: That is correct. We're not
- 9 part of the immigration organization, but we do get a
- 10 lot of clients from the northwest part of town. And a
- ll lot of the clients that we do get are able to express
- 12 to us -- I've asked them, "Well, you qualify for
- 13 amnesty. Why haven't you applied?"
- And they have mentioned, as Mr. Lang did
- mention a while ago, the cost. Many of them do not
- have that good a job, and some of them are not even
- 17 employed. Some of them are just working part-time.
- MS. KURTZ: Could I just establish one
- 19 thing, and then I'll let you talk here.
- MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
- 21 MS. KURTZ: Now, the function of the
- organization is that people simply walk in and ask for
- your services, so you have been talking directly with
- the people involved when you are telling us about the
- 25 experiences? These are not people -- I mean, this

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- 2 have direct knowledge of the people that you've been
- 3 talking with?
- 4 MS. ORTEGA: That is correct.
- 5 MS. KURTZ: Now, without naming anybody,
- 6 would you share with us what the concerns are of the
- 7 people with whom you have talked about the Immigration
- 8 Reform and Control Act.
- 9 MS. ORTEGA: Okay. A lot of these people
- that I do talk to, I've asked them about the problems
- ll they're having at work. They are requesting a letter
- 12 from their -- their employers are asking them for
- letters as to if they've gone and applied, and they do
- 14 need to have that letter so that they can go on.
- In one instance, I did talk to one of the
- 16 clients, and one of the clients mentioned to me, "I
- did work for this so-and-so company for something like
- 18 three to four years."
- But when this person went to go ask the
- 20 employer to give him a letter, he refused. So at that
- point, being that the people that I do work with, I am
- 22 not part of the immigration -- we're not even -- we
- 23 send them to other organizations where we feel they
- 24 would be able to help them, because we have several
- 25 Catholic immigrations (sic) just as information.

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      to qualify because they had lived in the housing
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- I've asked them, "Why don't you report this
- 3 to the Civil Rights?" And like Jack mentioned a while
- 4 ago, I think they fear. They fear to -- or they do
- 5 not trust. That's the impression that I do get.
- 6 MS. KURTZ: Do you have any questions?
- 7 MR. PILLA: In some of the outlying areas
- 8 where we were holding these forums, we heard a lot of
- 9 testimony from Job Training Centers about the fear and
- 10 confusion. And what you're saying is that you're
- ll hearing more and more of that from your clients; is
- 12 that correct?
- MS. ORTEGA: Exactly. And this is direct
- 14 services. These are clients that come in directly to
- 15 me. We have an employment component at our agency.
- And a while back, we would see everyone, even though
- 17 they didn't have the I-9. And anymore, they have to
- 18 go down to the Job Service Center and get that I-9.
- MR. PILLA: Are they having problems getting
- 20 the I-9 because they're not going through the amnesty
- 21 process and don't have the documentation?
- MS. ORTEGA: Exactly, exactly. That's what
- I've been told. I don't know for sure if this is
- true, but that's what I have been told by clients.
- MR. PILLA: Have many of these people been

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here prior to January 1st of 1982? Do you have
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- 2 knowledge of that?
- 3 MS. ORTEGA: Yes. A lot of the clients that
- 4 I've talked to have been here for something like 10,
- 5 12 years.
- There is another concern that does arise, is
- 7 that many of these clients probably have not been here
- 8 since 1982, but they do have American-born children.
- 9 And it really concerns them that here these children
- 10 are Americans, and they're used to our way of life.
- 11 And what's going to happen when they go back, if they
- 12 are deported or if they don't qualify? So that's
- 13 really a concern.
- MS. KURTZ: What's the solution? They want
- 15 to stay underground, in a sense?
- MS. ORTEGA: They want to stay in the U.S.
- 17 That's all there is to it. They would want to go back
- 18 and visit because they do have relatives, but they've
- 19 gotten used to our way of life. Some of their
- 20 children have gotten educated. This family of nine
- 21 that I was talking about, most of them have graduated
- 22 from high school. Some are in junior high.
- 23 But yet they have this fear of -- or the
- money, that maybe they won't be able to apply because,
- 25 "How can we apply with nine children? We barely make

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1 enough to feed our children. And we can't go in and
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- 2 apply for food stamps. Because we won't get a chance
- 3 to then apply for the amnesty."
- 4 MR. PILLA: Are these people aware of the
- 5 deadlines?
- 6 MS. ORTEGA: Yes, they are. And I have
- 7 heard that many of them that could apply for the
- 8 amnesty, from relatives, have gone back to Mexico.
- 9 MR. PILLA: Already?
- MS. ORTEGA: Already. And I say, "Well, how
- 11 are they doing?"
- 12 Well, they want to come back, but they feel
- that they're going to be sent back anyway. A lot of
- the people that would qualify for the amnesty are back
- 15 in Mexico.
- MR. PILLA: What is the area serviced by
- 17 your agency?
- 18 MS. ORTEGA: We service all of the
- metropolitan Denver area, all Hispanics that go to
- 20 Servicios. And even from Adams County and Arapahoe
- 21 County, a lot of the non-English-speaking families go
- 22 to Servicios.
- MR. PILLA: What would you estimate your
- 24 caseload is in a typical month?
- MS. ORTEGA: My caseload, when I was doing

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direct, was about 600.
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- 2 MR. PILLA: 600 a month?
- 3 MS. ORTEGA: 600 a month.
- 4 MR. PILLA: And how many caseworkers like
- 5 you are at the center?
- MS. ORTEGA: At this point, I only have two.
- 7 I used to be one, but I was moved up to acting
- 8 director. And whenever we do have immigration
- 9 problems that do arise, I am the one that sees them,
- 10 because I went through the training. And it would
- ll just be very difficult for me to shove a lot of these
- 12 problems to the other two workers that really do deal
- with emergencies and housing and evictions.
- MR. PILLA: So the 600-a-month figure, that
- 15 was just for you as a caseworker, or for the center as
- 16 a whole?
- 17 MS. ORTEGA: That was not for the center.
- 18 See, Servicios has different components, and this is
- just the social service component on the basic
- 20 emergency services.
- MR. PILLA: Do you have a figure on the
- 22 number of clients utilizing all the services in a
- 23 particular month?
- MS. ORTEGA: For immigration?
- MR. PILLA: For -- could you break it down

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- MS. ORTEGA: Okay.
- MR. PILLA: Do you have that data?
- 4 MS. ORTEGA: I don't have that with me.
- 5 MR. PILLA: Any estimate?
- 6 MS. ORTEGA: Okay. Aside from -- we also
- 7 have other direct services that we help the whole
- 8 community such as bread, and we have other donations.
- 9 If I would total all that up, that would be about
- 10 maybe 10,000 people. It's 8 to 10,000 people.
- 11 MR. PILLA: That's monthly?
- MS. ORTEGA: That's monthly. That's
- 13 indirect.
- 14 MR. PILLA: Are the clients aware of the
- 15 other -- of the Designated Entities?
- MS. ORTEGA: Uh-huh, sure. They are. And
- they do go to them. Some of them do, and some of them
- 18 don't. And some of them in the past have seen
- 19 attorneys and lawyers. Some of them say that they
- have applied seven years ago, and they still haven't
- 21 heard anything on what's going on.
- MS. KURTZ: Applied for what?
- MS. ORTEGA: For their citizenship or their
- 24 residency.
- MR. PILLA: So they were going through the

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- MS. ORTEGA: Right, they haven't heard. And
- a lot of times, I don't have the authority to call. I
- 4 usually refer them to the other agencies where they
- 5 have -- like for instance just the information like
- 6 you just mentioned, because they probably would have
- 7 the authority.
- MR. PILLA: Now, these people that believe
- 9 themselves to be in the process, they're not applying
- 10 for amnesty?
- 11 MS. ORTEGA: No. Because they've already
- 12 spent a lot of money paying the attorney, at least a
- \$500 down payment.
- MR. PILLA: Have you seen a proliferation, a
- 15 growth in the number of individual services that were
- 16 mentioned by the Colorado Civil Rights Commission
- 17 representative?
- MS. ORTEGA: I really can't answer that.
- MS. KURTZ: Thank you very much.
- MS. ORTEGA: Uh-huh. You're welcome.
- MS. KURTZ: Well, I think we'll take another
- 22 recess for a bit.
- 23 (A recess was taken.)
- MS. KURTZ: We're now reconvening at
- 25 approximately 10:18. We're just continuing the

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- During the break, you were telling us about
- another client who was having difficulties with
- 4 documentation. And it seemed to be indicative of the
- 5 kinds of -- of the practical kinds of problems that at
- 6 least some of the older workers have.
- 7 And I would ask you now if you would tell us
- 8 that account again of the problems your client was
- 9 having so that we could have it as part of the record.
- 10 MS. ORTEGA: Okay. This is some research
- 11 that I've tried to help the client find out about
- 12 where he was born. This client was born in New
- 13 Mexico, a little town in New Mexico. And at the time
- 14 he was born, they would not register them because they
- were born at home. The deliveries all happened in the
- 16 home. The father and the mother were from Mexico.
- 17 He has tried -- he has gone to Santa Fe, New
- 18 Mexico to the Bureau of Vital Statistics to try and
- 19 look for a birth certificate to see if he's
- registered, which he is not. He has gone to Chihuahua
- 21 where his parents were born and were from, and he is
- 22 not registered there. The only thing that he found
- was the baptism where he was baptized, and that so
- happened in Mexico about three or four months after he
- 25 was born.

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- a Social Security number, he has registered for the
- 3 service, but here he is having that problem of not
- 4 knowing where he belongs. He is an American, but yet
- 5 he cannot find the documentation to prove it.
- 6 MS. KURTZ: Approximately how old is this
- 7 person?
- 8 MS. ORTEGA: The person is 42, 43 years old
- 9 at this time.
- MS. KURTZ: Did you say that some of his
- 11 records had been destroyed, some records regarding him
- 12 had been destroyed in a fire?
- 13 MS. ORTEGA: He went back to New Mexico and
- 14 checked the churches and checked many other possible
- 15 places where he might be able to find some
- 16 documentation. Because I think he did mention to me
- he did attend some schooling, but I can't recall what
- 18 he told me. But they were destroyed.
- MS. KURTZ: So this gentleman was having --
- 20 was having -- as far as we know, he is a native-born
- 21 American citizen.
- MS. ORTEGA: Uh-huh.
- MS. KURTZ: But he cannot -- he cannot prove
- 24 it from the standpoint of producing any birth
- 25 certificate, baptismal record in this country or any

- 1 school records.
- 2 MS. ORTEGA: That's correct.
- MR. PILLA: Does this person have a license?
- 4 MS. ORTEGA: A driver's license? I believe
- 5 he does.
- 6 MR. PILLA: Yesterday we heard from the
- 7 Department of Motor Vehicles representative who said
- 8 that his agency requires a birth certificate. Am I
- 9 correct in this?
- MS. KURTZ: Well, depends on when you got
- 11 it. That was the reason I was pursuing the question
- 12 about renewals. He probably has had it long before
- the Colorado Motor Vehicle Department decided to put
- 14 any criteria on it. You could just walk in -- there
- 15 wasn't even an examination, for that matter.
- 16 MR. PILLA: Well, it has date of birth. Now
- it has a date of birth on it.
- 18 MS. KURTZ: It has a date of birth on it.
- 19 It's whatever you tell them.
- MS. ORTEGA: That is correct. He also
- 21 registered for the service.
- MR. PILLA: Did he serve in --
- MS. ORTEGA: He didn't serve, but he also
- 24 registered. And not even with that was I able to get
- 25 him his birth certificate. I have spent something

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like six months writing letters and checking out for
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- 2 this man to see where he belongs.
- MR. PILLA: Are his parents still alive?
- 4 MS. ORTEGA: He has a mother that is very,
- 5 very ill at this time, and it probably won't even be
- 6 worth it. He doesn't want to upset her. Wouldn't
- 7 even be worth -- she does not know how to read or
- 8 write.
- 9 So therefore, he's lost, as far as any
- 10 information. I think years ago, you were able to
- ll obtain a Social Security card, also. It wasn't as
- 12 difficult as it is today.
- MS. KURTZ: That's quite a new development.
- MR. PILLA: But he's been always using the
- same birth date, so all these documents have the same
- 16 birth date?
- MS. ORTEGA: Exactly.
- 18 MR. PILLA: And when they ask for a place of
- 19 birth, he puts the name of the small town in New
- 20 Mexico?
- 21 MS. ORTEGA: That's correct. But then when
- he wanted to apply for the amnesty or find out who he
- really was, he had all these difficult problems. He
- 24 kept telling them, "I am an American."
- And he didn't have anything to prove that he

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1 was an American, that he was a born American.
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- MR. PILLA: But he has consistency in
- 3 documentation. There's got to be a way for him to --
- 4 MS. KURTZ: Well, theoretically there would
- 5 be. But in any event, I wanted this information on
- 6 the record, because this is a part of the country --
- 7 especially the southern part of the state of Colorado
- 8 was part of old Mexico until the turn of the century,
- 9 after the end of the Mexican war. And the general
- 10 requirements which the rest of the country, as it
- ll existed prior to the Mexican war, had in place just
- 12 simply were not part of this culture that we had
- 13 roughly from the line between Pueblo and Colorado
- 14 Springs and from there south.
- And I had heard some of the stories about
- the problems of people who were born on reservations
- or who were born in small predominantly or universally
- 18 Hispanic communities in the southern part of Colorado
- or down into New Mexico who simply did not have
- 20 registration of births as part of the requirements
- 21 with which their parents were acquainted and probably
- 22 simply did not have births registered, did not have --
- 23 may have had baptismal records but not necessarily at
- 24 the place of birth.
- And many times with those little churches

- that we had in southern, southwestern Colorado, New
- 2 Mexico, very frequently those churches burned so the
- 3 baptismal records aren't there, either. These little
- 4 one-room schoolhouses out in the middle of nowhere
- 5 built of wood have frequently burned.
- And some of the people who are quite apart
- 7 from the question of whether or not they are
- 8 undocumented aliens simply are totally unable to
- 9 identify in a documentary sense who they are, where
- they came from, when they were born, where they were
- ll born or that they even legally exist.
- MR. PILLA: Well, this example that she gave
- us, clearly the man is without a country.
- MS. ORTEGA: Right.
- MR. PILLA: I think in this case, he's going
- 16 to need a lot of affidavits from people, parish
- 17 priests if they're still around.
- MS. ORTEGA: He himself has gone to New
- 19 Mexico to try to get all the information that he can
- get, trying to locate the priest, which he hasn't been
- 21 able to do.
- MR. PILLA: Maybe family friends who knew he
- 23 was born that can certify.
- MS. KURTZ: One of the -- sometimes this
- works; not always, but sometimes it works. Sometimes

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- while, but they can write to the Bureau of the Census
- 3 in Washington, tell them as much as they know about
- 4 the family on census dates, which are the years ending
- 5 in zero.
- And sometimes the Bureau of the Census has
- 7 been able to come up with a document following the
- 8 birth of a child which says in such-and-such a
- 9 location they counted this father, this mother, these
- 10 children of these ages at this location. And that --
- 11 that geneological research has worked for a number of
- 12 people who are in the situation where your client
- 13 finds himself.
- MS. ORTEGA: Uh-huh.
- MS. KURTZ: And with the recent interest in
- geneology that has been developed because of the
- television shows like "Roots" and so on, I believe
- that the census has some capability of doing a record
- 19 search. At least you wouldn't waste more than a
- 20 22-cent stamp in addressing a question to the Bureau
- 21 of the Census in Washington saying that this is what
- you know about this person, but you have not been able
- 23 to document it and asking them if they can provide any
- 24 records out of the census.
- MS. ORTEGA: That sounds like the next thing

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that I'm going to do or the last thing that I can do
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- 2 to try and help this client. Good idea.
- MS. KURTZ: It has worked in some cases.
- 4 And as I say, with the growing interest in
- 5 geneological research, it's -- the Census Bureau is
- 6 probably more tuned in, if I might use that term, to
- 7 this kind of an inquiry than it would have been, say,
- 8 10 or 15 years ago.
- 9 MS. ORTEGA: This man is very frustrated.
- 10 So I am going to tell him about this and see what the
- 11 outcome will be. I'm not going to stop helping him
- 12 until we do find out who he is. That's -- thank you.
- MS. KURTZ: It might help.
- MS. ORTEGA: Right.
- MR. PILLA: Thank you very much.
- MS. KURTZ: Thank you very much.
- MS. ORTEGA: You're welcome.
- 18 MS. KURTZ: It is now 10:30. We will be in
- recess until someone else appears to testify.
- 20 (A recess was taken.)
- 21 MS. KURTZ: No more witnesses have appeared,
- 22 so the hearing is now adjourned at noon, and the
- 23 record will remain open for written submissions.
- 24 (The hearing concluded at 12:00 p.m.,
- 25 September 11, 1987.)

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