

April 16, 2008

Re: <Name>
Date of birth:
Citizenship:

To Whom It May Concern:

<Name> will be visiting Carnegie Mellon University to participate in the “Carnegie Mellon Summer School in Logic and Formal Epistemology” conference. This workshop lasts for three weeks in June, and will involve both lectures and extracurricular activities. These visitors have not been issued I-20s because they are not registered as students at Carnegie Mellon.

Because this program does not meet requirements necessary for I-20 issuance and F1 status according to regulations at 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6)(i)(C), we have advised these visitors to enter the US in B1 visitor status. We have based this advice on 22 CFR 41.31(b)(1) which states that business activities can include “conventions, conferences, consultations and other legitimate activities of a commercial or professional nature.” The Foreign Affairs Manual gives further guidance on the types of acceptable activities at 9 FAM 41.31 N8. Among the activities listed are “scientific, educational, professional or business conventions, conferences, or seminars.”

Feel free to contact me with any further questions. My phone number is (412)268-8149, and my e-mail address is avigad@cmu.edu.

Sincerely,

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