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Subject: RE: check in re. Charleston

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Hello Holly or Karen,

We wanted to let you know that as part of our efforts to open a successful new resettlement office in Charleston, South Carolina we have decided it is best to focus on the below listed populations:

**Afghan, Bhutanese, Burmese-Karen, Burmese-Chin, Congolese, El Salvadorian, Eritrean, Guatemalan, Honduran, Iraqi.**

By focusing on the above mentioned populations, our affiliate partner will be able to build up their capacity to potentially serve additional populations, in future fiscal years. We know that there will be significant numbers of Congolese no-UST refugees coming to the United States and because of their heightened vulnerability we feel that a new office is best set up to succeed when it can better focus on one large scale vulnerable population.

Please let me know if you have questions, and please be in touch directly with Bethany and Bedrija regarding the letters of support they have requested for the Charlestown office submission.

As I said yesterday, we are just so grateful for your continued support of the US refugee resettlement program, particularly in South Carolina, and we hope we can count on that strong support going forward.

Nina

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From: Pisarik, Holly [mailto:HollyPisarik@gov.sc.gov]  
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 10:34 AM  
To: Nina Zelic <NZelic@lirs.org>; Bedrija Jazic <BJazic@liscarolinas.net>; Wingo, Karen <Karen.Wingo@dss.sc.gov>  
Cc: Bethany R Vause <BVause@liscarolinas.net>  
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Nina,

It was nice talking with you all yesterday. We look forward to your e-mail around 4:00 today.

Thanks, Holly

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From: Nina Zelic [mailto:NZelic@lirs.org]  
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 10:22 AM  
To: Bedrija Jazic; Pisarik, Holly; Wingo, Karen  
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Subject: RE: check in re. Charleston

Dear Holly and Karen,

I hope all is well. It was really good to be able to speak with both of you yesterday. I just want to let you know that I should have some clarification around which populations LIRS thinks will best be suited for opening a new office in Charleston around 4pm today. At that point I will send you an email update and we can continue to move forward with the support of the great state of South Carolina.

All the best,

Nina

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