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**Sent:** Saturday, July 30, 2011 1:47 PM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** Fw: CA Press Clips on Ugandan Little League Visa Denials - July 29, 2011

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**From:** Kennedy, Patrick F  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 30, 2011 12:11 PM  
**To:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Subject:** Fw: CA Press Clips on Ugandan Little League Visa Denials - July 29, 2011

Cheryl

See below

Have also talked to dana who is working with toner

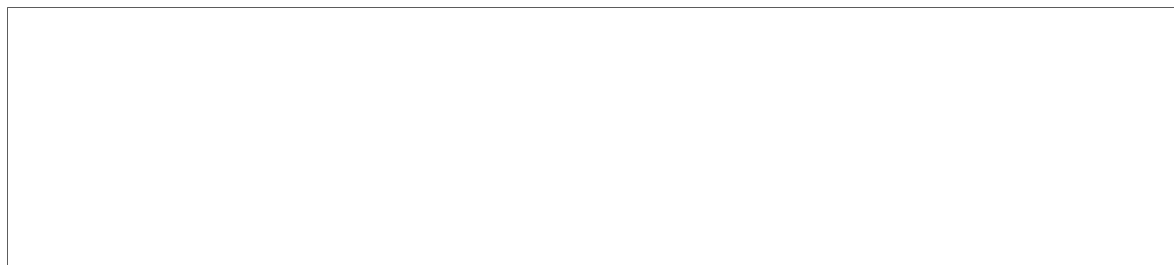
Regards

Pat

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**From:** Kennedy, Patrick F  
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More to follow

Regards

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**From:** Jacobs, Janice L  
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**To:** Kennedy, Patrick F  
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**From:** Donahue, David T  
**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2011 5:49 PM  
**To:** Dodds, Rebecca E  
**Cc:** Sheaffer, Gary L; CAPRESSREQUESTS; Jacobs, Janice L; Kirby, Michael D  
**Subject:** RE: CA Press Clips on Ugandan Little League Visa Denials - July 29, 2011

Rebecca, let's hope the Boston Globe/AP article gets legs. Since it is from AP we should be in good shape. Real fans will remember the problems with overage players in the past. Have a good weekend. David

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**From:** Dodds, Rebecca E  
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Here are some quick clips to give you an idea of how this is progressing. The New York Times is calling for comment now for a story to run tomorrow.

**Ugandan League Rep Says Team Visas Denied Over Age**

Boston Globe (Associated Press reporting by Genaro Armas)

A representative for the league affiliated with a youth baseball team from Uganda tells The Associated Press that players were denied visas to play in the Little League World Series because of discrepancies over their ages and birth dates. Stanley says issues arose when birth dates listed on documentation didn't match ones offered by parents or guardians during interviews with U.S. visa officials. A State Department spokesman says it's policy to not discuss visa cases publicly.

**Visa Applications Denied for Little Leaguers from Uganda**

All Africa published the Little League International press release.

**Uganda Little League World Series Team Denied U.S. Entry Visas**

Bloomberg, by Curtis Eichelberger

State Department spokesman Mark Toner said today at his daily news briefing that denying the visas was "a very difficult situation, but our consular officials are committed to holding up U.S. law." He said he couldn't discuss individual cases. "I can assure you that consular officers examined each of these individuals and accorded them every consideration under the law," Toner said. Toner said each player's application was examined individually and they were each interviewed. He said he didn't believe that consulate officials were concerned the Ugandan players would try to stay after their visas expired.

**Ugandan Baseball Team Strikes Out on US Visas**

VOA

State Department spokesman Mark Toner told reporters Friday denying the players entry to the United States was "a very difficult situation." He said he could not discuss any individual cases but that each player was given "every consideration under the law."

**Little League Team from Uganda Denied Visas**

USA Today, by Reid Cherner

Officials from the Little League headquarters said they were only told by the State Department that the documentation "contained discrepancies."

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