

January 3, 2016

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I meant to give you this information which follows up our in-person meeting. In that meeting, I gave information about the Hague treaty and denial of that treaty wrt a marriage adjudication in an i130. If you recall, you indicated that it was your understanding that the denial of the treaty obligation occurred because the US was not a member of the Marriage Convention. In www.brettfleisch.com/Supplement.pdf I summarized the treaty in a more understandable manner than the treaty text.

It is my belief now that I reviewed the marriage convention, that the Convention only adds the need for a foreign country to follow the rules of filing documents at the Hague, follow the rules to file at the Hague, long birth certificates, etc. The United States does not file documents at the Hague so the marriage convention is not needed. This does not diminish the need to recognize documents that are Apostilled and to check with the Hague when necessary. This I believe is needed as a member of the treaty I came to see you about.

See also

<http://www.brettfleisch.com/kim.pdf> and
<http://www.brettfleisch.com/StateDepartment.pdf> and
<http://www.brettfleisch.com/Treaty.pdf>

As you can see, the State Department completely readjudicates the document as if the Apostille has not been applied. As does DHS/USCIS. I believe they are doing a disservice and violating the treaty as I originally came to see you about.

Sincerely,

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