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2. OMANG THEN ASKED IF THE VISA WAS ISSUED AND WHEN. THE IO REPLIED. THAT "THE VISA WAS ISSUE OCTOBER IS" OMANG THEN WAN D TO KNOW WHAT THE FIRST VISA WAS ABOUT. SHE WAS TOLD THAT "RICARDO WAS REFERRED TO MR. LEO TO HELP EXPEDITE A VISA BEING REQUESTED FOR THE MINOR CHILD OF THE THEN CHIEF OF DISIE THE VISA WAS SUBSEQUENTLY OBTAINED.

3. OMANG SAID THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME SHE HEARD OF RICARDO WORKING FOR DISIP AND ASKED WHAT HIS JOB WAS. THE IO REPLIED THAT HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON IT. WHEN ASKED (IF HE WORKED FOR THE DISIP AT THAT TIME, THE IO REPLIED "THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING."

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4. OMANG THEN SAID THAT SHE WAS TOLD BY HER OFFICE IN WASHINGTON THAT MR. LEO KNEW LUIS CARRILES POSADA AND ASKED FOR CONFIRMATION. THE IO CONFIRMED THAT MR. LEO "KNEW POSADA CASUALLY WHEN HE WAS EMPLOYED BY DISIP." MR. LEO WOULD SEE HIM ON ROUTINE VISITS TO DISIP." ](S) VAKY