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9 FAM APPENDIX I, 300 NUMBERS AND PRIORITY DATES OF APPLICATIONS

Changes

1. This Change Transmittal issues updates to **9 FAM Appendix I, 300**.
Section 301.1: The following clause was added to the first sentence of this section: “that has reportable applicants in immigrant categories subject to numerical limitation who have become documentarily qualified during that reporting period.”
Section 301.2 was changed to read: Immigrant visa-issuing posts that have no reportable applicants for a given month need not submit a negative Report 20.
Minor language and formatting changes were made throughout.
2. **Change Transmittal** has replaced the term, Transmittal Letter. Change Transmittal was selected as being more appropriate in this age of electronic information transmission. The FAM volume’s transmittal acronym and numerical series remains in place.
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