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Changes

1. This Change Transmittal issues updates to **9 FAM 41.85 Notes**.

In sections N4 and N5 new material has been inserted. Beginning in sections N6 through N13 text has been renumbered. Since over 50 percent of the material is new, italic and magenta is not being used.

N4	Evidence Forming Basis for U Visa Issuance
N5	Suspending Action on an Alien's U Nonimmigrant Visa Application

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