## COMMISSION ON GRADUATES OF FOREIGN NURSING SCHOOLS

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In reply to your letter:

| CGFNS administers a visa-qualifying examination to foreign-educated registered general nurses. For more information, please see the enclosed Guidebook for Applicants, and the items checked off below. |     |  |
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|   | 1.  | The CGFNS exam is not a licensing examination and does not qualify you as a Registered Nurse (R.N.) in the U.S.A.  |
|   | 2.  | CGFNS is not an employment agency and has no information on nursing positions.   |
|   | 3.  | CGFNS is not a nursing school and does not provide information on schools in the U.S.A. or abroad.   |
|   | 4.  | The CGFNS examination is not administered to practical nurses, state enrolled nurses, nursing assistants, or others holding similar titles or licenses.  |
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|   | 6.  | CGFNS has no information on individual state board requirements for licensure. The information should be obtained by writing the state board directly (see enclosed list for addresses).   |
|   | 7.  | The information on visas and/or work permits you requested can be obtained by contacting the Visa Office of the U.S. Embassy in your country.  |
|   | 8.  | All credentials must be in order and received for processing no later than the deadline date listed on the front cover of the Guidebook for Applicants. Since a copy of the nursing license is a CGFNS requirement, you should apply for the CGFNS exam <u>after</u> receiving your license. |
|   | 9.  | We are returning the documents you sent as we cannot accept them without a formal application. Please refer to the enclosed Guidebook for instructions on applying for the CGFNS examination.  |
|   | 10. | CGFNS cannot determine your eligibility for the CGFNS exam until your application forms and all required documents have been received and reviewed. Please refer to the enclosed Guidebook for instructions on applying for the CGFNS examination.   |
| X   | 11. | Other: We will accept English translations done by a sworn translator.   |
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Enclosure: Guidebook for Applicants