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Mr. Peterson: Maria Rivas?
Mrs. Rivas: Sí. I am Maria Rivas.
Mr. Peterson: Oh, good morning. How are you this morning? I'm Kevin Peterson. I'm your USCIS officer assigned to your case.
Mrs. Rivas: Good morning. Pleased to meet you. This is my husband. He have his interview later today.
Mr. Peterson: Nice to meet you, Mr. Rivas.
Mr. Rivas: Good to meet you, too.
Mr. Peterson: I'll be . . . interviewing you after I interview your wife. You can follow me now.

[START SEGMENT 1]

Mr. Peterson: Please come in.
Mrs. Rivas: Thank you.
Mr. Peterson: It's a beautiful day, isn't it?
Mrs. Rivas: Yes, it is.

[END SEGMENT 1]

Mr. Peterson: Now you do know what we are going to do here this morning, don't you Mrs. Rivas?
Mrs. Rivas: Yes, you ask question for my test.
Mr. Peterson: Yes. I am going to ask you questions based on your application. But first I need you to swear to tell the truth. Please raise your right hand. Do you swear or affirm that what you are going to say is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?
Mrs. Rivas: I do.
Mr. Peterson: Thank you very much, Mrs. Rivas. You can take a seat now.
Mrs. Rivas: Thank you very much.
Mr. Peterson: All right. Do you have your permanent resident card?
Mrs. Rivas: My permanen . . . ? Sorry, could you repeat that please?
Mr. Peterson: Yes, your permanent resident card. Do you have your green card, Mrs. Rivas?
Mrs. Rivas: Yes.
Mr. Peterson: And do you have your passport and photographs?
Mrs. Rivas: Ah, yes. Here.
Mr. Peterson: All right. Very good.

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Mr. Peterson: All right. We're going to verify some personal information here. What is your full legal name?
Mrs. Rivas: Yes. My name is Maria Marta Rivas.
Mr. Peterson: All right. And what is your maiden name?

Mrs. Rivas: Mai . . . den? Could you repeat that, Mr. Peterson?
Mr. Peterson: Yes, maiden name. What was your last name before you were married?
Mrs. Rivas: Ah, sí! My maiden name is Sanchez.
Mr. Peterson: OK. And you do realize that you can change your name when you become an American citizen? Would you like to change your name?
Mrs. Rivas: No, I don't want to change my name.
Mr. Peterson: All right.

[END SEGMENT 2]

[START SEGMENT 3]

Mr. Peterson: Oh, I see here that we have a mistake on your date of birth. Could you tell me your date of birth, please?
Mrs. Rivas: Do you mean my birthday?
Mr. Peterson: Well, not exactly. Your date of birth is the month, day, and year that you were born.
Mrs. Rivas: Oh, yes! I born January twelve, nineteen seventy three, in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.
Mr. Peterson: OK, very good. Are your parents U.S. citizens?
Mrs. Rivas: My parents? No, they Mexicanos . . . I mean, Mexican.
Mr. Peterson: And your current marital status is that you are married, is that correct?
Mrs. Rivas: My marital status means if I married, no?
Mr. Peterson: Yes. Are you married?
Mrs. Rivas: Yes, I married. My husband is outside.
Mr. Peterson: Yes, I know that, but you left this blank on the form. All right. Are you still at the same home address?
Mrs. Rivas: Yes. I live at 2303 Walnut Avenue, Los Angeles, California, 90291.
Mr. Peterson: OK. And is this the correct home telephone number?
Mrs. Rivas: The phone at the house? 3-0. I'm sorry. (310) 555-4845.
Mr. Peterson: OK. And do you have any other phone numbers, in case we need to reach you?
Mrs. Rivas: No, I no have another phone number.

[END SEGMENT 3]

Mr. Peterson: All right. Let's go over your employment history. Could you confirm your current place of employment?
Mrs. Rivas: Sorry . . . could you say that more slowly?

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[START SEGMENT 4]

- Mr. Peterson:** Can you confirm your current place of employment? Where do you work now?
- Mrs. Rivas:** I work for . . . I work at a doctor's office.
- Mr. Peterson:** OK. Can you tell me the name of the doctor?
- Mrs. Rivas:** Yes, Dr. Juan Mendoza, here in Los Angeles.
- Mr. Peterson:** And what do you do there?
- Mrs. Rivas:** I am receptionist. I answer phone and make appointment.
- Mr. Peterson:** And how long have you worked there?
- Mrs. Rivas:** For two year.
- Mr. Peterson:** All right. And you list here that you worked at the Roosevelt Elementary School. How long did you work at the school, Mrs. Rivas?
- Mrs. Rivas:** For five year.
- Mr. Peterson:** And what was your occupation?
- Mrs. Rivas:** Occu . . . Occupation?
- Mr. Peterson:** Yes, occupation. What job did you have at the school?
- Mrs. Rivas:** I work in cafeteria. But next, I like learn more English and work as teacher aide back in the school.
- Mr. Peterson:** Very good. And why did you leave, Mrs. Rivas?
- Mrs. Rivas:** Pay more at doctor office.

[END SEGMENT 4]

[START SEGMENT 5]

- Mr. Peterson:** Have you traveled much outside the United States?
- Mrs. Rivas:** We go to Mexico a few times.
- Mr. Peterson:** OK. And how many times did you travel?
- Mrs. Rivas:** Let me think. Five or six time.
- Mr. Peterson:** OK. And when did you take these trips? Do you remember?
- Mrs. Rivas:** When . . . I took trip? One minute please. Eh . . . we went for my sister marriage in 2000. And when my son was little five year ago. Also went . . . cuando . . . Yes . . . when my husband's mother was sick in 2006.
- Mr. Peterson:** OK. And did any of these trips last more than six months?
- Mrs. Rivas:** Six months? No. Always short trips.
- Mr. Peterson:** All right.

[END SEGMENT 5]

[START SEGMENT 6]

- Mr. Peterson:** Now we need to ask you some questions about your marital history.
- Mrs. Rivas:** Marital history?
- Mr. Peterson:** I'm going to ask you questions about your marriage. What is your husband's name?
- Mrs. Rivas:** Arturo Miguel Rivas.

- Mr. Peterson:** OK. And is your husband Mexican, too?
- Mrs. Rivas:** Yes, he is Mexican. That's why he take his citizenship test today—I'm sorry—sheep, sheep, ship. Citizenship. He take a citizenship test, too.
- Mr. Peterson:** OK. Very good. Were you married before?
- Mrs. Rivas:** Married before? No, I no married before. Arturo solo. Only. Arturo only.
- Mr. Peterson:** And was Mr. Rivas ever married before?
- Mrs. Rivas:** No.

[END SEGMENT 6]

[START SEGMENT 7]

- Mr. Peterson:** All right. How many children do you have, Mrs. Rivas?
- Mrs. Rivas:** I have two children. One son and one daughter.
- Mr. Peterson:** Excuse me, Mrs. Rivas, but don't you have another son?
- Mrs. Rivas:** Another son? Well I have another son, Arturo Junior, but he not a child. He twenty year old.
- Mr. Peterson:** Yes, but he is your son, isn't he?
- Mrs. Rivas:** Yes, Arturo is my son, too.
- Mr. Peterson:** OK. And where were your children born?
- Mrs. Rivas:** They are American. They born in California.
- Mr. Peterson:** All right, very good.

[END SEGMENT 7]

- Mr. Peterson:** Now I'm going to ask you some general questions. Have you ever claimed to be a U.S. citizen?
- Mrs. Rivas:** Claim? Claim? What do you mean, "claim to be a U.S. citizen?"
- Mr. Peterson:** Well, claim means to say something that may or may not be true. Have you ever told anyone that you were an American?
- Mrs. Rivas:** No, I not tell anyone.
- Mr. Peterson:** OK, very good. Have you ever voted in a federal, state, or local election of the United States?
- Mrs. Rivas:** No, you have to be American citizen to vote.
- Mr. Peterson:** That's right. And have you always paid your taxes?
- Mrs. Rivas:** My husband pays all the taxes!
- Mr. Peterson:** OK, but he pays your taxes too, does he not?
- Mrs. Rivas:** Yes. We pay our taxes.
- Mr. Peterson:** All right. Great. Are you now or have you ever been a member of a terrorist organization?
- Mrs. Rivas:** Terrorista? No, I am not a terrorist.
- Mr. Peterson:** And have you ever advocated the overthrow of any government?

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Mrs. Rivas: What does “overthrow” mean?

Mr. Peterson: Have you ever wanted someone to take over the government?

Mrs. Rivas: I’m sorry. I don’t understand. Could you say another way?

Mr. Peterson: Yes. It’s like a revolution. Have you ever wanted to change this government by force?

Mrs. Rivas: No.

Mr. Peterson: OK. Have you ever committed a crime or offense for which you were not arrested?

Mrs. Rivas: No. I have ever committed . . . I mean . . . I have never committed a crime.

Mr. Peterson: All right. And have you ever been arrested, cited, or detained?

Mrs. Rivas: Arrested? No, I never arrested.

Mr. Peterson: Have you ever lied to the government or to any U.S. official?

Mrs. Rivas: Lie? No, course not. I not lie to government.

Mr. Peterson: And you do understand that you have to take the Oath of Allegiance, don’t you, Mrs. Rivas?

Mrs. Rivas: Yes, I do.

Mr. Peterson: OK. Do you support the Constitution and the government of the United States?

Mrs. Rivas: Yes.

Mr. Peterson: And do you understand the Oath of Allegiance?

Mrs. Rivas: Yes, I do.

Mr. Peterson: And are you willing to take the Oath of Allegiance of the United States?

Mrs. Rivas: Yes, I am willing.

Mr. Peterson: Now, are you willing to bear arms on behalf the United States?

Mrs. Rivas: Bear arms? What is “bear arms?”

Mr. Peterson: Yes. To fight in the armed forces.

Mrs. Rivas: Yes.

Mr. Peterson: And are you willing to perform work of national importance?

Mrs. Rivas: Work of national importance? Could you give me an example?

Mr. Peterson: Yes. For example, are you willing to work in a factory making something for the government?

Mrs. Rivas: Yes. I am willing.

Mr. Peterson: Very well, Mrs. Rivas. Before taking the civics test you need to sign the form. Do you swear that everything you wrote on the form is the truth?

Mrs. Rivas: I swear.

Mr. Peterson: And do you swear that you are willing to take the Oath of Allegiance?

Mrs. Rivas: Yes.

Mr. Peterson: All right. And I need you to sign here . . . here . . . and here. All right. And I also need you to sign your photographs right on the front. All right. Thank you very much.

Mrs. Rivas: You’re welcome.

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Ms. Williams: You didn't wait too long in the waiting room, did you?

Mr. Gao: No, I didn't. But I almost get stuck in traffic jam!

Ms. Williams: Yes, traffic is always bad downtown, isn't it?

Mr. Gao: Oh, yes.

Ms. Williams: Please come in. Mr. Gao, before we start, you need to swear to tell the truth. Please raise your right hand. Do you swear that everything you will say during this interview will be the truth?

Mr. Gao: Yes, I do.

Ms. Williams: Thank you. You may take a seat. All right, Mr. Gao. Gao. Is . . . is that how you pronounce your last name? Gao?

Mr. Gao: Yes, that's correct.

Ms. Williams: Umm. May I please have your passport, your resident card, and your two photos? Thank you. Let's verify some personal information, Mr. Gao. What is your full legal name?

Mr. Gao: My name is Weimin Gao. My American friends call me Wayne. Wayne Gao.

Ms. Williams: Would you like to legally change your name?

Mr. Gao: Excuse me? Can you repeat the question?

Ms. Williams: Mr. Gao. You are allowed to change your name when you become an American citizen. Do you want to change your name?

Mr. Gao: Change my name? No, I don't want change my name.

Ms. Williams: Are either of your parents U.S. citizens?

Mr. Gao: My parents? No, they're Chinese. But they live here in Florida.

Ms. Williams: Are you still married?

Mr. Gao: Yes. I'm still married.

Ms. Williams: Are you still at the same address?

Mr. Gao: Yes.

Ms. Williams: Can you verify your telephone number please?

Mr. Gao: (305) 555-3786

[START SEGMENT 2]

Ms. Williams: Now let's talk about your residence and employment. How long have you lived at your current address?

Mr. Gao: I been there six year . . . no seven year. We move in March seven year ago.

[END SEGMENT 2]

Mr. Gao: We bought house. Tired of living in small apartment.

Ms. Williams: Yes, having a house is nice. I bought my house two years ago. Can you tell me about your employment, Mr. Gao. Hmm. It looks here like you're self-employed?

Mr. Gao: Yes, I have my own business.

Ms. Williams: That's very good. What kind of business is it?

Mr. Gao: I have a Chinese restaurant. We also serve Cuban food.

Ms. Williams: That's two of my favorite kinds of food. Is this the name of your restaurant? Lotus Gardens? I like that name. Lotus Gardens.

Mr. Gao: Thank you.

Ms. Williams: How long have you had the restaurant, Mr. Gao?

Mr. Gao: I have the restaurant four year now.

Ms. Williams: What did you do before opening the restaurant?

Mr. Gao: I work as a chef at small restaurant, China Garden. I wrote menus. I cooked.

Ms. Williams: How long did you work at that restaurant?

Mr. Gao: I worked six year. Then save up money, get some help to open my own business.

Ms. Williams: That's very good. Now I'll ask you about your time outside of the United States. Do you know how many times you've been outside of the United States in the last five years?

Mr. Gao: Yes, I counted for application. We travel to China to see family, to Europe for vacation. Also to Mexico once.

Ms. Williams: That's nice. How many trips, Mr. Gao?

Mr. Gao: Two time to China, 30 day in 2007 and 2008. To Europe, 7 day. I think it was in 2009. To Mexico last year, 10 day.

Ms. Williams: Let's see . . . It says here you were also in Canada, Mr. Gao?

Mr. Gao: Oh, sorry. Yes, also went to Canada in 2009.

Ms. Williams: Did any of your trips last more than six months, Mr. Gao?

Mr. Gao: Six month? No, no! Very short trips.

Ms. Williams: How many times have you been married, Mr. Gao?

Mr. Gao: Married? One time. One wife only!

Ms. Williams: What is your wife's name, Mr. Gao?

Mr. Gao: Tina. Tina Eng Gao.

Ms. Williams: When did you get married, Mr. Gao?

Mr. Gao: On March 20, 1998.

Ms. Williams: And is your wife an American citizen?

Mr. Gao: Yes, she's American citizen. She born in California. But she's Chinese. Chinese-American.

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Ms. Williams: You could have been a citizen a long time ago. Why did you wait so long to become a U.S. citizen?

Mr. Gao: I wanted to learn to speak English well.

Ms. Williams: Yeah, that's a good idea. You speak very well.

Mr. Gao: Thank you.

Ms. Williams: Does your wife still live with you, Mr. Gao?

Mr. Gao: Yes, she live with me. I mean, not live. She lives with me at the same address.

Ms. Williams: Was your wife ever married before?

Mr. Gao: My wife married before me? My wife never married before me. No.

Ms. Williams: You have one child, Mr. Gao?

Mr. Gao: Have a daughter. Mei Lin. She ten year old.

[START SEGMENT 3]

Ms. Williams: OK, Mr. Gao. Let me ask you a few general questions. Did you ever tell anyone that you were a U.S. citizen?

Mr. Gao: No, I'm not U.S. citizen.

Ms. Williams: Right, but did you ever say that you were a U.S. citizen? Or did you ever write on a form that you were a U.S. citizen?

Mr. Gao: No, I never did.

Ms. Williams: Have you ever voted in elections in the United States?

Mr. Gao: No, only Americans vote.

Ms. Williams: That's right, Mr. Gao. Have you ever failed to file a federal, state, or local tax return?

Mr. Gao: Excuse me. Fail to file means I forgot to pay taxes, doesn't it?

Ms. Williams: Yes. It means you didn't pay taxes.

Mr. Gao: Oh. I understand now. Oh, yes. Pay my taxes! Oh, yes. Good businessman pay taxes to government.

[END SEGMENT 3]

[START SEGMENT 4]

Ms. Williams: Now I'll ask you questions about your affiliations. I see you listed here that you are a member of some restaurant association?

Mr. Gao: That's right.

Ms. Williams: Any other organizations?

Mr. Gao: No.

Ms. Williams: Have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. Gao: No.

Ms. Williams: Have you ever advocated the overthrow of any government?

Mr. Gao: Sorry, I don't understand what overthrow mean. Can you explain?

Ms. Williams: Sure, Mr. Gao. Have you ever supported changing the government by force?

Mr. Gao: Oh, like in revolution. No! Mr. Gao never overflow . . . I mean never overthrow the government!

[END SEGMENT 4]

[START SEGMENT 5]

Ms. Williams: Have you ever committed a crime or offense for which you were not arrested?

Mr. Gao: No, I have not.

Ms. Williams: Have you ever been arrested, cited, or detained?

Mr. Gao: No, I have never been arrested. But detained . . . ? I have never detained. I mean, I have never been detained.

[END SEGMENT 5]

[START SEGMENT 6]

Ms. Williams: Have you ever served in the U.S. military or armed forces?

Mr. Gao: No. No military.

Ms. Williams: You're doing well, Mr. Gao. We're almost finished. Were you living in the United States before your 26th birthday?

Mr. Gao: Yes. I come here when I was twenty-four.

Ms. Williams: So you registered for the Selective Service then?

Mr. Gao: Oh, Selective Service. Yes! It was before you are twenty-six. Yes. I register.

[END SEGMENT 6]

Ms. Williams: Well, Mr. Gao. Now I'll ask you the questions about the oath. You know you will have to take the Oath of Allegiance, don't you, Mr. Gao?

Mr. Gao: Yes, the oath.

[START SEGMENT 7]

Ms. Williams: Do you support the Constitution of the United States?

Mr. Gao: Yes. I support Constitution.

Ms. Williams: Do you understand the Oath of Allegiance?

Mr. Gao: Yes, I do. I've been practicing at home.

[END SEGMENT 7]

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[START SEGMENT 8]

Mr. Gao: I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen;
that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic;
that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same;
that I will bear arms on behalf of United States when required by the law;
that I will perform noncombatant service in Armed Forces of United States when required by the law;
and that I will take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, so help me God.

[END SEGMENT 8]

[START SEGMENT 1]

Ms. Williams: Are you willing to take the Oath of Allegiance, Mr. Gao?

Mr. Gao: Yes, I am.

[END SEGMENT 1]

Ms. Williams: Are you willing to perform noncombatant services for the Armed Forces if the law requires it?

Mr. Gao: Perform noncombatant service? Could you give an example?

Ms. Williams: Yes, Mr. Gao. That is, to do a job for the armed forces that does not require any fighting. For example, to cook for the military during a war.

Mr. Gao: Yes. I would do that.

Ms. Williams: OK, Mr. Gao. I just need you to sign the form here . . . sign here . . . and here . . . and right there . . . OK . . .

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[START SEGMENT 2]

Mr. Vega: Ekatarina Andropova?
Ms. Andropova: That's me.
Mr. Vega: Good morning. I am Manuel Vega. I am a USCIS Immigration Services Officer and I will interview you today.
Ms. Andropova: Good morning. Nice to meet you.
Mr. Vega: Nice to meet you, too! Please, follow me.

[END SEGMENT 2]

Ms. Andropova: I will just get my coat.

[START SEGMENT 3]

Mr. Vega: How are you this morning?
Ms. Andropova: Oh, I am fine, thank you. And you?
Mr. Vega: I'm fine, too. Glad it's Friday. Did you have any difficulty finding our office this morning, Ms. Andropova?
Ms. Andropova: Oh no, not at all. I have been here before.
Mr. Vega: That's good, because it's raining so bad. And the traffic gets even worse than usual when it rains.
Ms. Andropova: Oh, yes.
Mr. Vega: That's the problem with the weather in Houston. We go weeks without rain and then it rains so hard we flood.
Ms. Andropova: Well, we definitely need the rain.
Mr. Vega: Yes, that's true.

[END SEGMENT 3]

[START SEGMENT 4]

Mr. Vega: Please come in.
Ms. Andropova: Oh, thank you.
Mr. Vega: Would you like to hang up your coat?
Ms. Andropova: Yes, thank you.
Mr. Vega: You can hang it right there.
Ms. Andropova: OK. Where would you like me to put my umbrella?
Mr. Vega: Oh, yes. Oh, you can put it right there.
Ms. Andropova: Thank you.
Mr. Vega: Before we begin, I need you to take an oath. Can you raise your right hand? Do you swear that you are going to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?
Ms. Andropova: I do.
Mr. Vega: Thank you. Please have a seat.

[END SEGMENT 4]

Ms. Andropova: Thank you.

[START SEGMENT 5]

Mr. Vega: May I see your passport, permanent resident card, and your photos please? Thank you, and thank you. And you understand what we are doing here today, Ms. Andropova?
Ms. Andropova: Yes, you are going to interview me to see if I am ready to become an American citizen.
Mr. Vega: And are you?
Ms. Andropova: Oh, yes, I am.
Mr. Vega: You definitely seem excited. Let me ask you, why do you want to become an American citizen?
Ms. Andropova: Because I love this country. It means a lot to me. America means to me freedom to pursue my dreams.
Mr. Vega: Well, that's a good reason to become a citizen.

[END SEGMENT 5]

[START SEGMENT 6]

Mr. Vega: All right. Let's get started, shall we? I'm going to ask you some questions based on your application. Are you ready?
Ms. Andropova: Yes, I am ready.
Mr. Vega: Let's verify some personal information. What is your full legal name?
Ms. Andropova: My full name is Ekaterina Ivanovna Andropova.
Mr. Vega: OK. You are allowed to change your name when you become a citizen. It says here that you want to change your name. Is that correct?
Ms. Andropova: Yes, I would like to change my name to Katherine Yvonne because I think it sounds more American and all my friends call me Kathy anyway. So I want it to be Katherine Yvonne Andropova.
Mr. Vega: All right. Do you understand that the change will only be final when you become naturalized by the judge?
Ms. Andropova: Yes. That means I'm not Katherine Yvonne until I become a citizen.
Mr. Vega: That's correct.

[END SEGMENT 6]

Mr. Vega: Let's see. It says here that you were born in Russia. Is that correct?
Ms. Andropova: Yes. I was born in Russia, in St. Petersburg, but it was called Leningrad at the time.

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- Mr. Vega:** Oh, I have heard that that is a beautiful city.
- Ms. Andropova:** Oh, yes, it's a beautiful city with beautiful buildings and beautiful art. And the famous river, the Neva. And sometimes I miss it!
- Mr. Vega:** Well, maybe one day I will get to see it.
- Ms. Andropova:** I'm sure you will enjoy it if you go.
- Mr. Vega:** Are either of your parents U.S. citizens?
- Ms. Andropova:** My parents? No, they were both Russian and they are deceased now.
- Mr. Vega:** Oh, I'm sorry to hear that. Are you married?
- Ms. Andropova:** No, I have never been married.
- Mr. Vega:** Do you have any children?
- Ms. Andropova:** No. I don't have any children.
- Mr. Vega:** Can you confirm your current address for me, Ms. Andropova?
- Ms. Andropova:** I live in Houston. My address is 9170 South Main, Houston, Texas 77025.
- Mr. Vega:** What is your phone number where we can contact you?
- Ms. Andropova:** (713) 555-1212.
- Mr. Vega:** Thank you. Now I am going to ask you some questions to verify information on your application. Ms. Andropova, it says here that you work at the University of Texas. Is that still correct?
- Ms. Andropova:** Yes, I work for the University of Texas.
- Mr. Vega:** What do you do there?
- Ms. Andropova:** I'm a researcher.
- Mr. Vega:** Interesting! What kind of research do you do?
- Ms. Andropova:** My research is in neurobiology. I work to understand addictions.
- Mr. Vega:** That's very good. We need good scientists. Have you always worked in that field in the United States?
- Ms. Andropova:** Yes, I have always worked to do research. I worked at a different laboratory for another professor between 2004 and 2007, but always for the University.
- Mr. Vega:** Ah, can you confirm for me how many trips you have taken outside of the United States in the past five years?
- Ms. Andropova:** Excuse me? How many trips? Yes, let me see . . . I have taken three trips home to see family, always short trips. And I went to Canada one time for a conference in 2009, and I took a vacation in the Caribbean last year.
- Mr. Vega:** OK. Thank you. Let me ask you . . . a few general questions, Ms. Andropova. Have you ever told anyone that you are a U.S. citizen?
- Ms. Andropova:** No, because I'm not an American citizen yet.
- Mr. Vega:** Fine.
- [START SEGMENT 1]**
- Mr. Vega:** Have you ever written on any documents that you are a U.S. citizen?
- Ms. Andropova:** No, I haven't.
- [END SEGMENT 1]**
- Mr. Vega:** Have you ever voted in a U.S. election?
- Ms. Andropova:** No, only American citizen can vote.
- Mr. Vega:** That's correct. Have you always paid your taxes?
- Ms. Andropova:** Yes, I have always paid my taxes.
- Mr. Vega:** Have you ever been a member of a terrorist organization?
- Ms. Andropova:** Oh, dear no!
- Mr. Vega:** Have you ever advocated the overthrow of any government?
- Ms. Andropova:** Certainly not!
- Mr. Vega:** Have you ever committed a crime or offense for which you were not arrested?
- Ms. Andropova:** Do you mean other than getting a speeding ticket?
- Mr. Vega:** Yes, I mean a serious offense.
- Ms. Andropova:** No, never.
- Mr. Vega:** Very well, Ms. Andropova. Now I will ask you to sign the form. By signing the form you swear that everything that you have written on this form and everything that you have told me here today is true. Please sign there.
- Ms. Andropova:** And "under penalty of perjury" means that if I lie, I will be in trouble?
- Mr. Vega:** Yes, indeed. And you understand that you will have to take the Oath of Allegiance?
- Ms. Andropova:** Yes, I do.
- Mr. Vega:** Do you understand the Oath of Allegiance?
- Ms. Andropova:** Yes, I do. I practice it every day in front of the mirror!
- Mr. Vega:** Will you support the U.S. Constitution?
- Ms. Andropova:** Of course I will support the Constitution.
- Mr. Vega:** Will you fight for the U.S. if necessary?
- Ms. Andropova:** I will defend the United States. I love this country very much.
- Mr. Vega:** That I like to hear! So if you will just sign right here and here and also on your photos. That's all. Very good job, Ms. Andropova.
- Ms. Andropova:** Thank you.