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Issuing Office	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Africa										
Benin, Cotonou	8	21	20	19	14	10	3	121	45	108
Burkina Faso, Ouagadougou	5	1	1	2	11	16	4	18	15	42
Burundi, Bujumbura	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cameroon, Yaounde	349	560	450	931	541	580	697	926	649	1,061
Cape Verde, Praia	709	799	664	858	783	449	437	530	562	814
Central African Republic, Bangui	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Congo, Republic of the, Brazzaville	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Congo, Dem. Rep. of the (Congo Kinshasa), Kinshasa	97	110	113	-	3	23	21	11	-	26
Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), Abidjan	252	246	619	588	1,055	1,042	976	250	388	378
Djibouti, Djibouti	64	19	36	25	20	22	11	22	23	28
Eritrea, Asmara	-	-	-	-	-	-	264	319	288	322
Ethiopia, Addis Ababa	4,170	4,688	3,215	3,809	2,570	4,829	3,916	4,721	4,622	5,663
Gabon, Libreville	11	16	9	6	14	14	12	19	5	11
Ghana, Accra	4,229	4,129	3,279	3,191	3,449	2,201	2,851	2,873	2,397	2,697
Kenya, Nairobi	836	718	1,084	1,231	1,473	1,576	2,011	2,698	2,587	2,597
Liberia, Monrovia	535	836	853	718	781	535	756	638	846	690
Madagascar, Antananarivo	9	10	13	11	11	19	21	14	17	11
Malawi, Lilongwe	14	17	19	16	16	6	12	13	4	9
Niger, Niamey	7	9	2	7	8	2	9	15	12	37
Nigeria, Lagos	5,759	6,206	5,259	4,507	5,308	5,059	4,944	5,751	5,907	5,241
Senegal, Dakar	406	340	335	685	1,015	869	618	708	594	718
Sierra Leone, Freetown	1,347	1,091	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Africa, Johannesburg	1,392	1,006	1,110	1,032	1,229	1,243	971	1,005	740	781
Sudan, Khartoum	103	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tanzania, Dar es Salaam	194	159	127	204	172	184	161	215	118	169
Togo, Lome	82	110	264	210	359	474	617	1,508	1,416	1,190
Zambia, Lusaka	94	133	133	64	78	100	78	104	126	99
Zimbabwe, Harare	117	118	98	90	99	82	128	100	80	101
Africa Total	20,798	21,342	17,703	18,204	19,009	19,335	19,518	22,579	21,441	22,793
East Asia and Pacific										
Australia, Perth	84	118	98	129	121	151	58	-	-	-
Australia, Sydney	961	1,018	981	1,081	1,226	1,541	1,315	1,045	1,173	1,269
Burma, Rangoon	804	716	982	886	886	793	698	430	631	756
Cambodia, Phnom Penh	979	1,105	1,048	1,003	1,521	1,399	613	121	-	-
China, Guangzhou	21,414	22,440	23,825	24,212	26,030	20,052	27,588	28,836	27,183	33,088
Fiji, Suva	1,522	1,477	1,722	1,520	1,285	1,184	1,014	906	1,301	1,065
Hong Kong S.A.R., Hong Kong	11,047	8,705	8,041	7,190	6,554	8,087	6,534	4,167	4,752	3,518
Indonesia, Jakarta	368	394	639	774	928	665	658	572	479	554
Japan, Naha	360	319	299	307	298	345	386	463	402	411
Japan, Tokyo	2,191	2,337	2,548	2,590	3,095	4,312	3,829	3,604	3,365	3,514

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Korea, South, Seoul	8,680	8,002	8,150	8,232	6,767	6,134	6,656	5,480	6,029	6,550
Laos, Vientiane	226	254	212	207	176	143	221	161	174	165
Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur	339	328	402	593	485	462	419	469	422	424
New Zealand, Auckland	409	432	473	491	648	588	587	574	560	556
Papua New Guinea, Port Moresby	25	16	24	30	35	9	10	32	6	9
Philippines, Manila	41,218	37,277	24,972	22,227	29,336	29,738	31,404	31,563	35,784	34,587
Singapore, Singapore	287	251	300	357	352	555	547	456	386	393
Thailand, Bangkok	1,233	1,152	1,335	1,489	1,649	1,316	2,180	1,879	2,685	2,729
Thailand, Orderly Departure Program, Bangkok	10,080	15,372	9,742	10,804	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thailand, Refugee and Migration Affairs, Bangkok	16	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City	-	-	-	2,302	16,565	17,757	17,793	13,800	17,516	16,557
Taipei ¹	10,321	8,377	7,471	5,475	6,437	6,249	6,042	4,919	5,032	4,568
East Asia and Pacific Total	112,564	110,111	93,264	91,899	104,394	101,480	108,552	99,477	107,880	110,713
Europe										
Albania, Tirana	3,767	4,406	3,910	22	435	3,976	2,612	2,700	2,957	3,819
Austria, Vienna	343	315	293	327	291	400	302	242	267	229
Belgium, Brussels	431	312	299	342	356	412	369	307	261	288
Bermuda, Hamilton	103	67	61	65	47	63	79	92	75	78
Bulgaria, Sofia	942	2,397	3,804	4,204	3,488	3,020	2,520	3,290	3,033	3,418
Croatia, Zagreb	288	220	171	229	211	288	345	306	370	655
Cyprus, Nicosia	460	497	468	392	462	569	485	497	509	320
Czech Republic, Prague	603	643	451	593	609	629	594	719	664	659
Denmark, Copenhagen	289	217	209	234	255	262	264	200	171	182
Finland, Helsinki	336	286	216	270	265	220	251	232	218	252
France, Paris	1,362	1,187	1,395	1,412	1,409	1,819	1,533	1,338	1,103	1,232
Georgia, Tbilisi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	131	1,397	1,331
Germany, Frankfurt	4,190	4,297	4,718	4,891	4,492	4,463	3,558	2,897	3,259	3,712
Great Britain and Northern Ireland, London	5,666	4,987	4,191	4,372	5,133	6,975	6,137	5,214	5,255	4,864
Greece, Athens	832	785	882	4,763	4,052	629	545	457	442	486
Hungary, Budapest	439	396	395	615	953	955	335	417	361	438
Iceland, Reykjavik	128	70	70	49	78	67	66	69	61	73
Ireland, Dublin	615	497	469	481	452	372	328	339	415	529
Italy, Naples	1,065	1,283	1,365	1,168	1,149	1,087	1,040	1,063	797	863
Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of, Skopje	-	-	-	-	239	774	676	573	682	844
Malta, Valletta	65	58	94	58	48	47	20	-	-	-
Netherlands, Amsterdam	521	419	393	394	474	647	587	465	432	497
Norway, Oslo	285	216	210	237	232	222	162	187	163	164
Poland, Warsaw	13,294	10,723	9,553	11,890	13,087	11,011	15,355	14,530	14,669	12,280
Portugal, Lisbon	842	726	619	449	340	370	306	286	221	263

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Portugal, Ponta Delgada	269	269	318	175	178	111	97	72	67	56
Romania, Bucharest	3,255	4,251	4,413	5,178	4,982	4,336	2,631	2,489	2,343	3,258
Russia, Moscow	6,921	7,679	8,124	8,334	9,044	9,216	9,737	9,544	7,912	6,248
Serbia and Montenegro, Belgrade	1,504	1,661	1,497	610	-	-	663	762	810	840
Spain, Madrid	627	558	474	519	490	538	536	497	380	533
Sweden, Stockholm	659	605	578	604	624	708	574	506	533	517
Switzerland, Bern	690	883	713	610	574	548	452	385	317	320
Turkey, Ankara	2,647	2,259	1,923	3,532	3,917	3,928	3,760	3,535	4,115	3,701
Turkey, Istanbul	3,007	2,949	2,802	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ukraine, Kyiv	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	298	1,515
Europe Total	56,445	56,118	55,078	57,019	58,366	58,662	56,919	54,341	54,557	54,464
Near East										
Algeria, Algiers	581	145	59	66	55	103	97	66	104	183
Bahrain, Manama	121	116	100	93	122	116	136	143	158	113
Egypt, Cairo	4,375	4,142	4,224	4,427	3,697	3,561	2,853	2,680	3,874	6,039
Israel, Tel Aviv	1,384	1,270	1,209	1,469	1,752	1,861	1,942	1,821	1,782	1,559
Jerusalem	1,327	1,303	719	707	977	1,865	1,598	1,384	1,047	1,726
Jordan, Amman	3,683	3,650	2,927	4,041	3,879	3,343	2,954	2,451	2,971	2,881
Kuwait, Kuwait	449	385	279	436	429	525	385	281	574	491
Lebanon, Beirut	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,285
Morocco, Casablanca	759	1,670	1,708	2,795	2,676	3,722	1,565	2,421	2,146	2,819
Oman, Muscat	140	125	115	225	152	196	171	259	346	294
Qatar, Doha	140	127	119	235	162	178	133	78	129	238
Saudi Arabia, Riyadh	1,293	1,238	1,169	1,421	1,368	1,485	881	662	502	830
Syria, Damascus	3,654	3,010	3,375	2,659	3,430	3,966	2,865	2,341	2,480	2,119
Tunisia, Tunis	148	183	550	686	579	486	645	452	393	528
United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi	2,361	2,280	2,160	2,506	2,747	3,332	2,825	1,752	2,675	3,728
United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi - Beirut Files	155	112	151	133	95	25	-	-	-	-
Yemen, Sanaa	1,941	1,980	1,469	1,327	2,392	1,273	1,180	1,316	1,519	3,241
Near East Total	22,511	21,736	20,333	23,226	24,512	26,037	20,230	18,107	20,700	28,074
South and Central Asia										
Bangladesh, Dhaka	5,506	7,974	8,208	4,901	6,018	4,955	3,608	3,280	6,379	8,933
India, Calcutta	97	97	80	121	97	121	78	53	36	15
India, Chennai	5,466	4,838	4,369	4,280	4,277	5,826	5,503	5,018	5,352	6,806
India, Mumbai	13,972	13,306	12,534	10,912	11,381	12,517	12,021	12,187	11,582	13,451
India, New Delhi	8,567	9,042	7,487	7,244	7,413	7,688	5,660	7,804	9,320	10,338
Kazakhstan, Almaty	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	576	2,060	2,224
Nepal, Kathmandu	251	268	363	303	240	516	734	1,951	2,002	2,143
Pakistan, Islamabad	9,184	9,915	10,477	13,098	10,428	11,922	6,811	6,542	6,163	5,556

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Sri Lanka, Colombo	507	592	618	543	429	644	640	775	463	649
South and Central Asia Total	43,550	46,032	44,136	41,402	40,283	44,189	35,055	38,186	43,357	50,115
Western Hemisphere										
Argentina, Buenos Aires	1,043	656	563	709	791	962	1,121	950	560	659
Bahamas, The, Nassau	181	174	126	136	124	110	113	99	177	155
Barbados, Bridgetown	2,332	2,453	2,592	2,826	2,269	2,197	1,910	1,928	1,992	2,096
Belize, Belmopan	405	433	222	315	378	298	256	183	173	202
Bolivia, La Paz	588	604	679	781	699	636	534	620	494	605
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	1,360	1,098	1,172	1,177	1,471	1,729	1,612	1,651	1,522	2,077
Canada, Montreal	5,253	5,087	5,582	5,900	5,747	9,073	8,051	6,558	4,831	5,179
Canada, Vancouver	1,836	1,060	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chile, Santiago	482	549	495	476	609	525	425	347	376	469
Colombia, Bogota	6,440	6,670	6,248	5,950	6,089	5,135	6,718	6,344	5,470	6,579
Costa Rica, San Jose	677	645	560	459	537	481	479	502	434	630
Cuba, Havana	2,731	3,130	2,677	4,679	4,523	3,421	2,829	2,568	3,130	3,289
Dominican Republic, Santo Domingo	30,530	21,381	15,556	13,458	11,705	14,607	15,367	22,908	22,770	21,852
Ecuador, Guayaquil	5,007	4,911	4,587	7,158	4,664	5,489	5,997	4,314	4,229	5,583
El Salvador, San Salvador	8,291	9,316	7,325	9,023	8,577	6,393	5,150	4,163	3,019	5,831
Guatemala, Guatemala	3,748	3,568	3,803	4,097	4,144	3,797	4,685	4,424	5,613	6,241
Guyana, Georgetown	7,597	5,639	2,214	2,036	4,326	5,978	8,050	5,674	4,365	6,562
Haiti, Port-au-Prince	9,263	10,125	9,838	14,226	18,434	13,444	11,225	8,537	8,466	7,044
Honduras, Tegucigalpa	2,237	4,471	3,664	2,748	3,044	3,004	2,418	2,196	2,089	3,726
Jamaica, Kingston	13,042	12,203	9,595	11,444	9,748	8,265	8,584	8,924	7,983	9,591
Mexico, Ciudad Juarez	52,677	56,245	57,057	83,968	68,438	63,266	53,257	39,969	44,835	36,396
Nicaragua, Managua	1,217	1,324	854	1,030	976	891	826	920	988	1,329
Panama, Panama	1,849	1,478	1,227	1,383	1,093	733	717	487	478	625
Paraguay, Asuncion	424	197	167	180	181	230	186	96	152	144
Peru, Lima	6,078	5,848	5,755	5,158	4,428	4,612	5,252	4,331	4,133	5,953
Suriname, Paramaribo	79	105	100	77	148	104	88	103	78	99
Trinidad and Tobago, Port of Spain	3,307	2,901	2,415	2,281	3,117	2,435	2,116	2,089	2,080	1,908
Uruguay, Montevideo	112	134	106	87	101	117	111	144	158	126
Venezuela, Caracas	1,276	1,145	1,008	1,019	1,389	1,139	1,178	1,094	896	1,139
Western Hemisphere Total	170,062	163,550	146,187	182,781	167,750	159,071	149,255	132,123	131,491	136,089
Grand Totals	425,930	418,889	376,701	414,531	414,314	408,774	389,529	364,813	379,426	402,248

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