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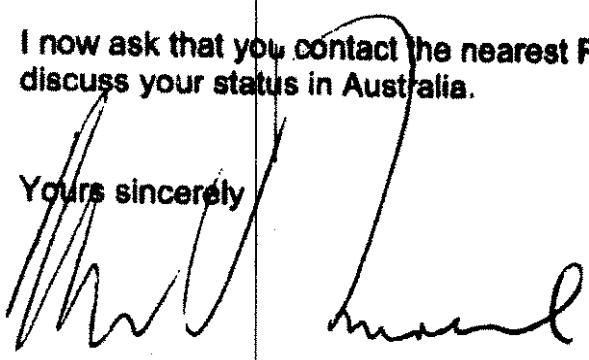
I refer to your letter of 27 February 2002 requesting that I consider exercising my public interest power under section 417 of the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act) to grant you a visa.

Under section 417 of the Act, I may substitute for a decision of the Refugee Review Tribunal, a decision which is more favourable to the client where I consider it is in the public interest to do so.

Your request for the exercise of my power was referred to me. However, I have decided not to consider exercising my power under section 417 of the Act in your case.

I now ask that you contact the nearest Regional Office of my Department to discuss your status in Australia.

Yours sincerely



Philip Ruddock

28 MAY 2002