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FILE: [REDACTED]

Office: CHICAGO DISTRICT OFFICE

Date: APR 06 2005

IN RE: [REDACTED]

APPLICATION: Application for Permanent Residence Pursuant to Section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1255

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:

[REDACTED]

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All documents have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert P. Wiemann".

Robert P. Wiemann, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application was denied by the District Director, Chicago, Illinois, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The record reflects that the applicant is a citizen of Nigeria. The applicant is married to [REDACTED] whose employment-based Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (I-485) was denied by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) on October 16, 2002. The applicant's I-485, which she filed as the spouse of Mr. [REDACTED] was subsequently denied by USCIS because there was no evidence that a visa number was immediately available to her at the time of filing, as required by section 245 of the INA.

The authority to adjudicate appeals is delegated to the AAO by the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) pursuant to the authority vested in him through the Homeland Security Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-296. See DHS Delegation Number 0150.1 (effective March 1, 2003); see also 8 C.F.R. § 2.1 (2003). The AAO exercises appellate jurisdiction over the matters described at 8 C.F.R. § 103.1(f)(3)(iii) (as in effect on February 28, 2003). The AAO does not have jurisdiction over this type of I-485 filed under section 245 of the INA. Accordingly, the appeal will be rejected.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.