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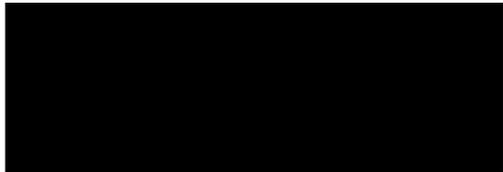
Office: PHILADELPHIA FIELD OFFICE

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IN RE: Applicant: [REDACTED]

Petition: Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Form I-485) Pursuant to  
Section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1255

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:



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.

John F. Grissom  
Acting Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The application was denied by the Field Office Director, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The record reflects that the applicant is a native of Egypt. On September 26, 2008, the field office director denied the applicant's Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Resident or Adjust Status. The field office director dismissed the subsequently filed motion to reopen and reconsider the matter and noted that the decision was the final agency determination. Counsel for the applicant submitted an appeal from the director's dismissal of the motion to reopen and reconsider the denial of the I-485 application. The AAO does not have appellate jurisdiction over an appeal from the denial of an application for adjustment of status under section 245(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act). 8 C.F.R. § 245.2(a)(5)(ii).

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 her 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 only over the matters described at 8 C.F.R. § 103.1(f)(3)(iii) (as in effect on February 28, 2003), with one exception - petitions for approval of schools and the appeals of denials of such petitions are now the responsibility of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The AAO has jurisdiction to review denials of applications for adjustment of status filed by aliens seeking the bona fide marriage exemption and aliens in U or T nonimmigrant status. Section 245(e), (l) and (m) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1255(e), (l), (m); 8 C.F.R. §§ 245.1(c)(8)(viii), 245.23(i), 245.24(f)(2). The AAO has no jurisdiction to review denials of applications for adjustment of status under any other provision of the Act, including section 245(a) of the Act. 8 C.F.R. § 245.2(a)(5)(ii). Accordingly, the appeal must be rejected.

**ORDER:** The appeal is rejected.