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FILE: [REDACTED] Office: WASHINGTON DISTRICT Date: SEP 10 2007

IN RE: Petitioner: [REDACTED]

PETITION: Application for Status as Permanent Resident Pursuant to Section 13 of the Act of September 11, 1957

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:

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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.

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The application was denied by the District Director, Washington, D.C., and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be sustained.

The applicant is a native and citizen of Great Britain who is seeking to adjust her status to that of a lawful permanent resident based on the application of her spouse under section 13 of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1957 (1957 Act), Pub. L. No. 85-316, 71 Stat. 642, as modified, 95 Stat. 1611, as an alien who performed diplomatic or semi-diplomatic duties under section 101(a)(15)(A)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

The district director denied the application for adjustment of status on November 19, 1999, after determining that the petitioner's spouse, the principal applicant, had failed to demonstrate that he was unable to return to Panama or that his adjustment would serve U.S. interests.

On appeal, the AAO has reviewed all the material contained in the principal applicant's record. Contrary to the district director, it finds the principal applicant to have demonstrated eligibility for adjustment to lawful permanent resident status under section 13 of the 1957 Act. As the applicant in the present case is the spouse and dependent of the principal applicant, she is also eligible for adjustment of status under section 13 of the 1957 Act. Accordingly, the appeal will be sustained.

**ORDER:** The appeal is sustained.