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File:



Office: Nebraska Service Center

Date: 06 NOV 2001

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Petitioner:  
Beneficiary:



Petition: Petition for Alien Fiance(e) Pursuant to Section 101(a)(15)(K) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(K)

IN BEHALF OF PETITIONER: Self-represented

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INSTRUCTIONS:

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

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied or the analysis used in reaching the decision was inconsistent with the information provided or with precedent decisions, you may file a motion to reconsider. Such a motion must state the reasons for reconsideration and be supported by any pertinent precedent decisions. Any motion to reconsider must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider, as required under 8 C.F.R. 103.5(a)(1)(i).

If you have new or additional information which you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reopen. Such a motion must state the new facts to be proved at the reopened proceeding and be supported by affidavits or other documentary evidence. Any motion to reopen must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reopen, except that failure to file before this period expires may be excused in the discretion of the Service where it is demonstrated that the delay was reasonable and beyond the control of the applicant or petitioner. Id.

Any motion must be filed with the office which originally decided your case along with a fee of \$110 as required under 8 C.F.R. 103.7.

FOR THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER,  
EXAMINATIONS

*Robert P. Wiemann*  
for Robert P. Wiemann, Acting Director  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The nonimmigrant visa petition was denied by the Director, Nebraska Service Center, and is now before the Associate Commissioner for Examinations on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The petitioner claims to be a naturalized citizen of the United States. The beneficiary is a native and citizen of Iran. The director determined that the petitioner and beneficiary had already entered into a valid marriage.

On appeal, the petitioner states that while couples could be considered married from a religious point of view, they are only considered married from a social and cultural view if they have a wedding. The petitioner also states that he and his fiancée have not had the wedding yet, and therefore, their parents and the community do not consider them married.

Section 101(a)(15)(K) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(K), defines "fiancée" as:

An alien who is the fiancée or fiancé of a citizen of the United States and who seeks to enter the United States solely to conclude a valid marriage with the petitioner within ninety days after entry....

The Petition for Alien Fiance(e) (Form I-129F) was filed on August 22, 2000. The marriage certificate contained in the record indicates that the petitioner and the beneficiary were married in Tehran, Iran, on October 31, 1998. Since the beneficiary and petitioner have already entered into a valid marriage, the beneficiary is statutorily ineligible for the status sought.

This petition may not be approved for an additional reason. The petitioner states on appeal that he became a United States citizen on September 10, 1999. However, the record does not contain evidence of his citizenship. Therefore, the petitioner has not established that he is a United States citizen.

The burden of proof in these proceedings rests solely with the petitioner. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. 1361. The petitioner has not met that burden. This decision is, nevertheless, without prejudice to the filing of a new petition (Form I-130) to classify status of an alien relative for issuance of an immigrant visa under section 204(a) of the Act, along with the required documentary evidence and fee.

**ORDER:** The appeal is dismissed.