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Office: Nebraska Service Center

Date: **MAY 12 2003**

IN RE: Petitioner:
Beneficiary:

[Redacted]

APPLICATION: Petition for Alien Fiancé(e) under Section 101(a)(15)(K) of the
Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(K)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER: Self-represented

INSTRUCTIONS:

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This is the decision 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.

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 that 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 Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (Bureau) where it is demonstrated that the delay was reasonable and beyond the control of the applicant or petitioner. *Id.*

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Robert P. Wiemann, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The nonimmigrant visa petition was denied by the Director, Nebraska Service Center, and is before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The petitioner is a citizen of the United States. The beneficiary is a native and citizen of Laos. He seeks to have the beneficiary classified as a nonimmigrant fiancée under section 101(a)(15)(K) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(K).

The director denied the petition after determining that the petitioner and the beneficiary had not met each other within the two-year period prior to the July 1, 2002, filing date of the visa petition.

On appeal, the petitioner submits proof that he and the beneficiary met after the visa petition filing date.

Section 101(a)(15)(K) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(K), provides nonimmigrant classification to an alien who:

(i) is the fiancé(e) of a U.S. citizen and who seeks to enter the United States solely to conclude a valid marriage with that citizen within 90 days after admission;

(ii) has concluded a valid marriage with a citizen of the United States who is the petitioner, is the beneficiary of a petition to accord a status under section 201(b)(2)(A)(i) that was filed under section 204 by the petitioner, and seeks to enter the United States to await the approval of such petition and the availability to the alien of an immigrant visa; or

(iii) is the minor child of an alien described in clause (i) or (ii) and is accompanying, or following to join, the alien.

Section 214(d) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1184(d), provides that a visa shall be issued under the provisions of section 101(a)(15)(K)(i) of the Act...only after satisfactory evidence is submitted by the petitioner to establish that ***the parties have previously met in person within 2 years before the date of filing the petition,*** have a bona fide intention to marry, and are legally able and actually willing to conclude a valid marriage in the United States within a period of 90 days after the alien's arrival.... [Emphasis added]

The petitioner has now established that he and the beneficiary have met in person. However, this meeting did not take place before July 1, 2002, the visa petition filing date. Therefore, the visa petition may not be approved. This action is taken without prejudice to consideration of a new and fully documented fiancée visa petition.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed.