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U.S. Citizenship
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FILE: [REDACTED]

Office: PHILADELPHIA, PA

Date: 10/10/08

IN RE: Applicant: [REDACTED]

APPLICATION: Application for Certificate of Citizenship under section 321 of the former Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1432.

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:

SELF-REPRESENTED

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 Interim District Director, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be summarily dismissed.

The record reflects that the applicant was born on March 20, 1982, in Accra, Ghana. The applicant's father, [REDACTED] became a naturalized U.S. citizen on June 27, 1996, when the applicant was fourteen years old. The applicant's mother was born in Togo and she is not a U.S. citizen. The record reflects that the applicant's parents married in Ghana on June 10, 1979, and they presently remain married. The applicant was admitted into the United States as a lawful permanent resident on June 4, 1995, when he was thirteen years old. The applicant turned eighteen in March 2000. He presently seeks a certificate of citizenship pursuant to section 321 of the former Immigration and Nationality Act (the former Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1431.

The director found the applicant had failed to establish that both of his parents were naturalized U.S. citizens prior to the applicant's eighteenth birthday, or that his parents had legally separated prior to his eighteenth birthday, with legal custody of the applicant being awarded to his U.S. citizen father, as required by section 321 of the former Act. The application was denied accordingly.

On appeal, the applicant states that he was fourteen years old and in the United States when his father became a U.S. citizen. The applicant does not otherwise address the basis of the director's decision, and he does not indicate that there were factual or legal errors in the director's decision.

8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(v) states in pertinent part:

(v) Summary dismissal. An officer to whom an appeal is taken shall summarily dismiss any appeal when the party concerned fails to identify specifically any erroneous conclusion of law or statement of fact for the appeal.

The AAO finds that the applicant failed to identify any erroneous conclusion of law or statement of fact in his appeal. The appeal will therefore be summarily dismissed.

ORDER: The appeal is summarily dismissed.