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FILE: [Redacted] Office: Los Angeles

Date: **MAR 2 '2001**

IN RE: Obligor: [Redacted]  
Bonded Alien: [Redacted]

IMMIGRATION BOND: Bond Conditioned for Voluntary Departure under § 240B of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.c. 1230B

IN BEHALF OF OBLIGOR: 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, Acting Director  
Administrative Appeals Office

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prevent clearly unwarranted  
disclosure of personal privacy.

**DISCUSSION:** The voluntary departure bond in this matter was declared breached by the District Director, Los Angeles, California, and is now before the Associate Commissioner for Examinations on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The record indicates that on August 25, 1999, the obligor posted a \$500.00 bond for the voluntary departure of the above referenced alien based on the August 23, 1999 decision of an immigration judge who granted the alien until October 22, 1999 to depart voluntarily in lieu of removal. On October 19, 2000, the district director informed the obligor that the voluntary departure bond had been breached after failing to receive satisfactory evidence of that departure.

On appeal, the obligor asserts that the bonded alien departed from the United States on October 20, 1999. He states that the bonded alien went to the American Consulate in Chennai (Madras) on three separate occasions. The obligor states that the consulate has sent documentation to the Service on three separate occasions attesting to the departure of the alien on October 20, 1999. The obligor states that he does not believe that the Consulate's letters were ever placed in the record. The obligor has provided a copy of a letter signed by a consular officer and supported by a copy of an airline ticket and boarding pass containing the alien's name and indicating that the alien left the United States on October 20, 1999.

8 C.F.R. 240.26(c) (iii) (3) provides that, in order for the voluntary departure bond to be cancelled, the alien must provide proof of departure to the district director.

8 C.F.R. 240.26(b) (ii) (3) provides that a voluntary departure bond is violated if the obligor/alien fails to provide proof that the bonded alien has departed the United States within the time specified.

A physical verification of departure by an immigration officer at the port of departure, or a verification of the alien's presence in the foreign destination by a United States consular officer or immigration officer abroad, is required to verify departure. Whether together or separate, Forms 1-94 and departure manifests submitted by a transportation line are insufficient verification of departure for bond cancellation purposes.

The Service will accept a document signed by an embassy official, consular officer, or Service officer abroad, and bearing an appropriate seal or other indicia of reliability as proof that a voluntary departure or self-removal has occurred. The district director retains the discretion to accept other documents of voluntary departure. The original of such document[s] may be delivered [either] *by the surety* or through diplomatic channels. Copies of such documents will be accepted only if received through diplomatic channels.



The obligor asserts that the bonded alien departed from the United States on October 20,1999 and submitted uncertified photocopies to prove that assertion. However, the obligor's assertion is unsupported by a Notification of Departure-Bond Case (Form 1-392) properly executed by a United States Embassy official, consular officer or immigration officer abroad and received through official channels indicating the bonded alien's departure from the United States prior to the designated date.

After a careful review of the record, it is concluded that the conditions of the bond have been substantially violated, and the collateral has been forfeited. The decision of the district director will not be disturbed.

**ORDER:** The appeal is dismissed.