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FILE: [Redacted] Office: Philadelphia
IN RE: Obligor: [Redacted]
Bonded Alien: [Redacted]

Date: DEC 4 - 2003

IMMIGRATION BOND: Bond Conditioned for Voluntary Departure under § 240B of the
Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1229c

ON BEHALF OF OBLIGOR: [Redacted]

INSTRUCTIONS:

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 Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) 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 that originally decided your case along with a fee of \$110 as required under 8 C.F.R. § 103.7.

for 
Robert P. Wiemann, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The voluntary departure bond in this matter was declared breached by the District Director, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The record indicates that on May 29, 1998, the obligor posted a \$500.00 bond conditioned for her voluntary departure. An Order of the Immigration Judge (IJ) dated May 22, 1998, was issued granting the alien voluntary departure in lieu of removal. The bonded alien appealed the IJ's decision to the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA). On December 17, 2002, the BIA affirmed the IJ's decision and granted the alien voluntary departure within 30 days from the date of the order. The district director declared the bond breached on March 13, 2003.

On appeal, counsel states the Form I-340, Notice to Deliver Alien, was apparently delivered to the wrong address. Thus, according to counsel, notice was ineffective, as the obligor had notified ICE of her change of address by applying for an extension of her work authorization card.

This argument is without merit. The Form I-340, Notice to Deliver Alien, is not required before the district may declare the voluntary departure bond breached. The bonded alien, who is also the obligor in this case, was aware that she was required to leave the United States by January 16, 2003. Her failure to do so resulted in the breach of her voluntary departure bond.

8 C.F.R. § 1240.26(c)(3) provides that in order for the voluntary departure bond to be canceled, the alien must provide proof of departure to the district director.

No satisfactory evidence has been introduced into the record to establish the alien made a timely departure. The service of a notice to surrender or the presence of a certified mail receipt is not required in voluntary departure bond proceedings.

Voluntary departure bonds are exacted to insure that aliens will depart when required in lieu of removal. Such bonds are necessary in order for ICE to function in an orderly manner. After a careful review of the record, it is concluded that the alien failed to depart by the stipulated time, 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.