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FILE: [Redacted] Office: New York

Date: SEP 16 2003

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

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

ON 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 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.*

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.

Robert P. Wiemann, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The voluntary departure bond in this matter was declared breached by the District Director, New York, New York, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The record indicates that on July 21, 1999, the obligor posted a \$500 bond conditioned for the voluntary departure of the above referenced alien. The record reflects that a removal hearing was held on July 16, 1999, and the immigration judge granted the alien until September 14, 1999 to depart voluntarily in lieu of removal.

On March 22, 2002 the Board of Immigration Appeals dismissed an appeal of the immigration judge's decision and granted the alien 30 days to voluntarily depart the United States. On August 12, 2002, the district director informed the obligor that the voluntary departure bond had been breached after failing to receive satisfactory evidence of that departure.

The appeal has been filed by the bonded alien's attorney. The alien and the attorney are without standing in this proceeding.

An immigration bond is a contract between the BICE and the obligor. The obligor or his attorney-in-fact is the proper party to appeal the BICE decision to breach the bond. See *Matter of Insurance Company of North America*, 17 I&N Dec. 251 (Act. Reg. Comm. 1978).

The regulations provide that an appeal filed by a person or entity not entitled to file it must be rejected as improperly filed. In such a case, any filing fee the BICE has accepted will not be refunded. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v).

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.