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FILE: [REDACTED] Office: NEBRASKA SERVICE CENTER Date: APR 07 2005

IN RE: Applicant: [REDACTED]

APPLICATION: Application for Travel Document Pursuant to Section 223 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1203.

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 Acting Director, Nebraska Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The applicant is a native and citizen of the Philippines, who seeks to obtain a travel document (reentry permit) under section 223 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1203. The Acting Director concluded that the individual who signed the Application for Travel Document (Form I-131) was not the mother or father of the applicant and denied the application accordingly. *See Acting Director's Decision* dated August 13, 2004.

The record of proceeding reveals that the applicant is a lawful permanent resident of the United States. The applicant is less than 14 years of age and therefore a parent or legal guardian may sign the Form I-131. The record of proceedings reveals that a Form I-131 was submitted but the signature block had been left blank. On July 23, 2004, the Director requested that one of the applicant's parents sign the Form I-131. The Form I-131 was signed by [REDACTED] and returned to the Service Center. The Acting Director denied the application because [REDACTED] is not the name of the applicant or the name of the mother or father of record and no documentation was included to show her legal status in regard to the applicant.

On appeal [REDACTED] submits copies of her passport, her Alien Registration Card (ARC), an identification card issued by the State of Texas and a copy of the applicant's birth certificate. The passport was issued in the name of [REDACTED] the ARC and identification card were issued in the name [REDACTED] and the applicant's birth certificate shows the applicant's mother's name as [REDACTED]. No explanation or documentary evidence was submitted to show if [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] is one and the same person and the mother or legal guardian of the applicant. Absent such evidence, the application may not be approved. Accordingly, the appeal will be dismissed.

It is noted that a lawful permanent resident of the United States who is in possession of evidence of lawful admission (Form I-551) and intends to reenter the United States within one year of his/her last departure may not require a reentry permit to reenter. However, if a lawful permanent resident seeks to reenter after an absence of one year or more, and does not possess a reentry permit, he/she should contact a United States consulate abroad for further information regarding his/her possible options for return to the United States.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed.