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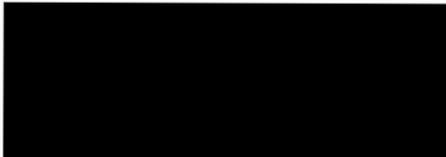
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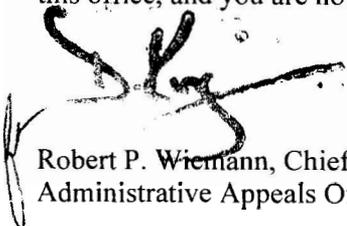
APPLICATION: Application for Status as a Permanent Resident pursuant to Section 1104 of the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-553, 114 Stat. 2762 (2000), amended by Life Act Amendments, Pub. L. 106-554, 114 Stat. 2763 (2000)

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:



INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. The file has been returned to the office that originally decided your case. If your appeal was sustained, or if your case was remanded for further action, you will be contacted. If your appeal was dismissed, you no longer have a case pending before this office, and you are not entitled to file a motion to reopen or reconsider your case.

  
Robert P. Wiemann, Chief  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The application for permanent resident status under the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act was denied by the District Director, Houston, Texas, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The case will be remanded for further action and consideration.

The director denied the application because the applicant had failed to establish that she satisfied the "basic citizenship skills" required under section 1104(c)(2)(E) of the LIFE Act.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 245a.20(a)(2) provides that when an adverse decision is proposed, Citizenship and Immigration Services shall notify the applicant of its intent to deny the application and the basis for the proposed denial. The applicant will be granted 30 days from the date of the notice in which to respond to the notice of intent to deny.

The record, however, does not reflect that a Notice of Intent to Deny (NOID) was issued prior to the director's Notice of Decision.

Accordingly, the case is remanded for the issuance of a NOID and for the entry of a new decision in accordance with the foregoing. If the new decision is adverse, it shall be certified to this office.

The NOID should also address the applicant's criminal history. The record reflects that the applicant was arrested for theft on August 14, 1990; for possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute on February 19, 1993; for forgery on July 26, 1997; and for theft greater to or equal to \$50 but less than \$500 on January 28, 1998.

**ORDER:** This matter is remanded for further action and consideration pursuant to the above.