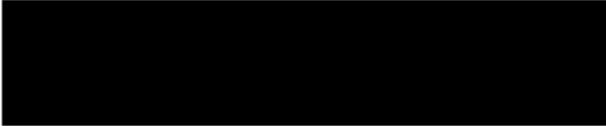




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FILE: [REDACTED] Office: SAN FRANCISCO Date: SEP 22 2006  
MSC 02 249 61868

IN RE: Applicant: [REDACTED]

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:  
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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.

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, San Francisco, California, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The case will be remanded for further action and consideration.

The district director denied the application, finding that the applicant had exceeded the forty-five (45) day limit for a single absence from the United States during the requisite period as set forth in 8 C.F.R. § 245a.15(c)(1). The director further denied the application, finding that the applicant failed to establish continuous physical presence from November 6, 1986 through May 4, 1988.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 245a.20(a)(2) provides that when an adverse decision is proposed, the 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 was issued prior to the director's Notice of Decision.

Accordingly, the case is remanded for the issuance of a Notice to Deny 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.

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