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FILE: [REDACTED] MSC-02-164-62253

Office: DALLAS

Date: **SEP 14 2007**

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. 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, Dallas, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The director denied the application because the applicant had failed to establish that she satisfied the residence requirement under section 1104(c)(2)(B) of the LIFE Act. The director specifically referred to a statement included in the record and signed by the applicant indicating that she arrived in the United States in April 1989.

An affected party filing from within the United States has 30 days from the date of an adverse decision to file an appeal. An appeal received after the 30-day period has tolled will not be accepted. The 30-day period for submitting an appeal begins 3 days after the notice of denial is mailed. 8 C.F.R. § 245a.20(b)(1).

The director issued the notice of denial on May 3, 2003 and mailed it to the applicant's address of record and to the applicant's counsel. The appeal was received by Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) on June 23, 51 days later. Therefore, the appeal was untimely filed and must be rejected.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.