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FILE: MSC-03-134-60267 Office: CLEVELAND Date: FEB 11 2008

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: 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. 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Wiemann".

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, Cleveland. The decision 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 he satisfied the residence requirement under section 1104(c)(2)(B) of the LIFE Act.

If an appeal is filed from within the United States, it must be received by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) within 30 days after service of the Notice of Denial, and an appeal received after the 30-day period has tolled will not be accepted. 8 C.F.R. § 245a.20(b)(1). The 30-day period for submitting an appeal begins 3 days after the Notice of Denial is mailed. *Id.*

The director issued the Notice of Denial on May 11, 2007, and mailed it to the applicant's address of record. The director informed the applicant that he could appeal his decision to the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) by filing a Form I-290B with the Cleveland District Office. According to the evidence in the file, the applicant sent the Form I-290B to the AAO on June 11, 2007. The AAO returned the Form I-290B to the applicant. The appeal was received by CIS on June 21, 2007, 41 days after the director issued the decision. Therefore, the appeal was untimely filed and must be rejected.

**ORDER:** The appeal is rejected.