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Date: SEP 14 2011 Office: TEXAS SERVICE CENTER

FILE: [REDACTED]

IN RE: Applicant: [REDACTED]

APPLICATION: Application for Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Certificate Document

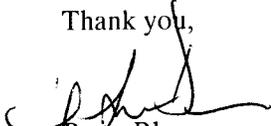
ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:

SELF-REPRESENTED

INSTRUCTIONS:

Enclosed please find the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All of the documents related to this matter have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Please be advised that any further inquiry that you might have concerning your case must be made to that office.

Thank you,

  
Perry Rhew  
Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The application was denied by the Director, Texas Service Center, and the matter is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The matter will be remanded to the director for action consistent with this decision.

The applicant is a native of Mexico and claims to be a citizen of the United States. She seeks a replacement certificate of citizenship pursuant to section 343 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1454. The director found no record of the applicant's U.S. citizenship and determined that she had failed to establish that she was previously issued a certificate of citizenship or naturalization. The application was denied.

On appeal, the applicant submits, in relevant part, a copy of a Form I-130, Petition for Alien Relative, filed by her on behalf of her husband. The petition includes a notation, purportedly made by an immigration officer, indicating that the applicant's certificate of citizenship (No. [REDACTED]) was seen and returned.

The matter will be remanded to the director to consider the newly submitted evidence and to request a records check by the Chief of the Records Operation Branch in the Office of Records of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). The director shall then determine whether the applicant was previously issued evidence of U.S. citizenship and shall issue a new decision which, if adverse to the applicant, shall be certified to the AAO for review.

**ORDER:** The matter is remanded to the director for action consistent with this decision.