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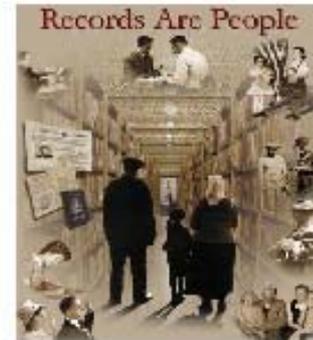
Genealogy

The USCIS Genealogy Program is a fee-for-service program providing family historians and other researchers with timely access to historical immigration and naturalization records. Click the links at right and below to learn about our services and records.

Please read the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and the form instructions before sending any money.

The USCIS Genealogy Program offers two services:

- **Index Search:** Using biographical information provided by the researcher, USCIS searches its historical immigration and naturalization record indices for citations related to a specific immigrant. Search results (record citations) are returned to the researcher, along with



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USCIS Genealogy Program

- Began August 2008
- Fee for Service (e-Commerce)
- Provides *index search results* and/or *record copies* for deceased immigrants

Genealogy Index Search Results – Sample Letter

Dear Customer

Your request was received in this office on 12/28/2009 regarding Amelia Meyers.

We completed our index search for entries that are responsive to your request. A reference (or references were) was located that matches the information you provided.

To request copies of any or all of the following records from the USCIS Genealogy Program, please follow the procedures on the Genealogy web site www.uscis.gov/genealogy for records requests. The record(s) can be made available to you for a fee of \$20 or \$35 per record, depending on the format. Listed below (is) are the records found.

Fee	File Series	File Number	Additional Information
\$20	AR-2 Form	A# ### ##	Amelia Meyers (aka Amelia (Mueller), born September 18, 1875, Germany. Residing in 1940 at 1106 Putnam Avenue, Kings County, Brooklyn, New York.

Please be advised that the Alien Registration Form (AR-2) is the only file available for purchase from the USCIS Genealogy Program; no A-File exists.

If you should have any additional questions about your request, please direct your inquiries to this office at the above address or send them to Genealogy.USCIS@dhs.gov. Always note your case identification number on the correspondence.

Letter

CMT-11000#####

GEN-1002#####

Genealogy Record Results

Standard:

- Cover letter naming the immigrant and identifying the enclosed copies by file number
- File copy (best copy available)

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FOIA Cases (approx. 60%):

- Cover letter naming the immigrant and identifying the enclosed copies by file number
- FOIA Letter generated from USCIS FOIA system
- File copy
 - Redacted pages from FOIA system
 - Fully released pages from Genealogy system (better copies)

Congressional Inquires re Genealogy

Intended Customers

- Genealogists
- Family Historians
- Historical Researchers

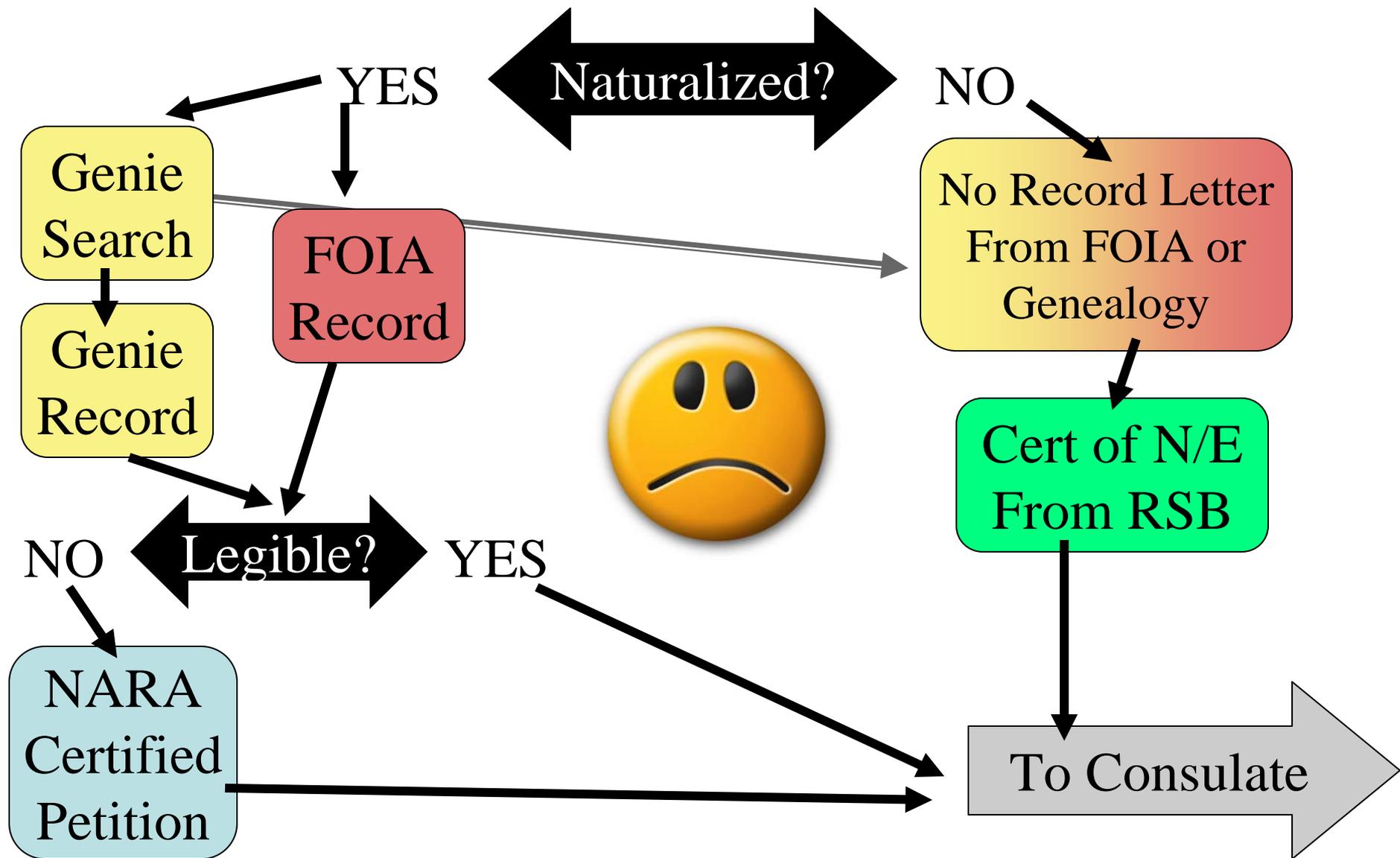


Unintended Customers

- Dual Citizenship Applicants (Italy and others)
- Verification Cases



Dual Citizenship Maze



Verification Cases (elderly persons)

Problem in a Nutshell:



Not everyone is in the computer

Who is missing?



Cases INactive since 1975

*Many not in CIS, thus not in SAVE,
E-Verify*

Verification Cases (elderly persons)

“No Record” response from national systems should prompt a second “Manual Search” of MiDAS System at HQ:

- ALL naturalizations 1906-1975
- ALL LPR admissions 1924-1975
- ALL alien registrations 1940-1944
- Various other ACTIONS* 1893-1975

Common Verification Problems

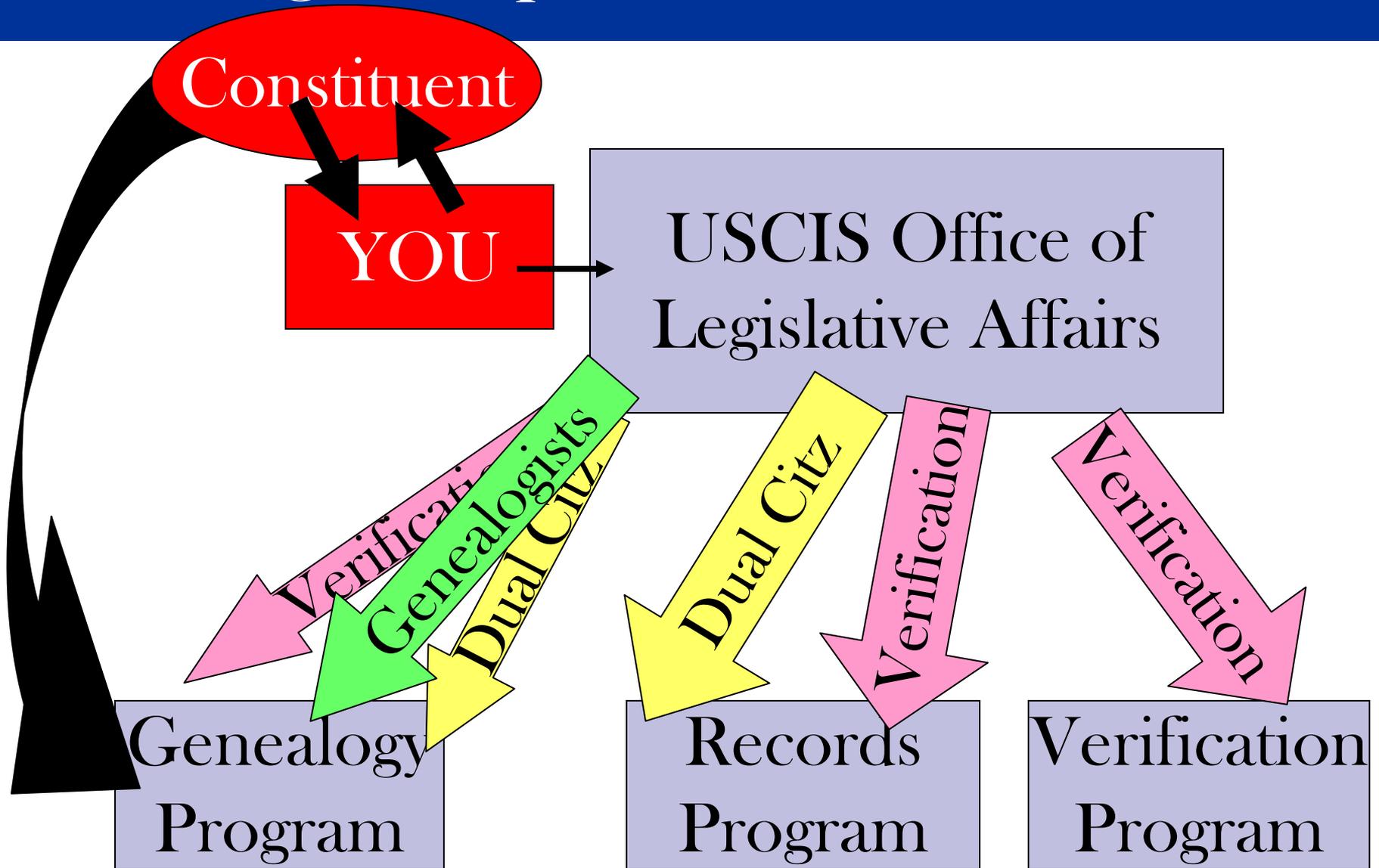
Limited Information

- Provide all names, aliases, family member names

Vicious Circle

- Applicant produces original Certificate of Citizenship (A-#####)
- HQ Manual Search does not (or can not) return/confirm the certificate number

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