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FILE: [Redacted]

Office: TEXAS SERVICE CENTER Date:

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IN RE: [Redacted]

APPLICATION: Application for Replacement Naturalization Document under Section 343 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1454.

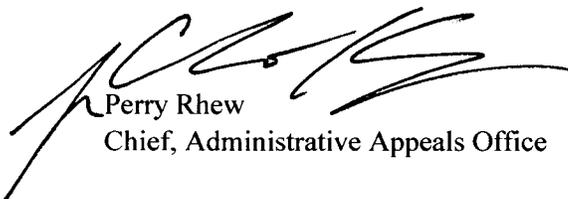
ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:

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 is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be sustained.

The applicant is a native of Guyana and a naturalized citizen of the United States. She seeks to have a lost Certificate of Naturalization replaced under section 343 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1454.

The director determined that the applicant failed to establish that she is a citizen of the United States or that any Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship had been issued to her. The Application for Replacement Naturalization Document (Form N-565) was denied accordingly.

On appeal, the applicant asserts that she lost her certificate of naturalization, and she provides the date and place of naturalization.

Section 343 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1454, provides the statutory authority relating to the replacement of a lost certificate of naturalization. The regulations regarding the replacement of lost certificates of naturalization are contained in 8 C.F.R. § 343a.1(a) and provide in pertinent part that, “[a] person whose . . . certificate of naturalization . . . has been lost, mutilated, or destroyed, shall apply on Form N-565 for a new paper in lieu thereof.”

Here, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services records show that the applicant was issued a Certificate of Naturalization on December 29, 1993, by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York [REDACTED]. The applicant has established that her naturalization certificate was lost. Accordingly, the applicant is eligible for a replacement certificate under section 343 of the Act. The applicant’s appeal will be sustained and the case returned to the Texas Service Center for issuance of a replacement naturalization certificate.

ORDER: The appeal is sustained. The case is returned to the Texas Service Center for issuance of a replacement naturalization certificate.