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DATE: **FEB 16 2012** Office: NEBRASKA SERVICE CENTER

FILE:

IN RE: Applicant:

APPLICATION: Application for a Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Document (Form N-565)

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.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied by us in reaching our decision, or you have additional information that you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reconsider or a motion to reopen. The specific requirements for filing such a request can be found at 8 C.F.R. § 103.5. All motions must be submitted to the office that originally decided your case by filing a Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion, with a fee of \$630. Please be aware that 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i) requires that any motion must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider or reopen.

Thank you,

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Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application was denied by the Director, Nebraska Service Center. The matter is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The applicant is a native of Mexico who claims to be a naturalized U.S. citizen. The applicant filed a Form N-565, Application for Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Document, seeking a new certificate of naturalization claiming his document was lost, stolen or destroyed.

The director concluded that there was no record of the applicant's naturalization and the applicant had failed to submit any evidence that a certificate of naturalization had been issued to him. The application was accordingly denied.

On appeal, the applicant maintains that he is a naturalized U.S. citizen, that his certificate was issued "approximately 7 years ago" but that "all [his] original documents were misplaced." *See* Statement Accompanying Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal, to the AAO.

Section 343 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1454, and the corresponding regulations at 8 C.F.R. § 343a provide, in relevant part, for the replacement of certificates of naturalization and citizenship when the original document has been lost, mutilated or destroyed; or when the citizen's name has been changed pursuant to a court order.

In this case, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services records indicate that the applicant was not issued a certificate of naturalization or citizenship nor has the applicant submitted proof that such a certificate was issued to him. The applicant's appeal must therefore be dismissed.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed.