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FILE: [Redacted] Office: Nebraska Service Center

Date: AUG 10 2000

IN RE: Applicant: [Redacted]

APPLICATION: Application for Travel Document Pursuant to Section 223 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1203

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IN BEHALF OF PETITIONER: Self-represented

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision in your case. All documents have been returned to the office which originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied or the analysis used in reaching the decision was inconsistent with the information provided or with precedent decisions, you may file a motion to reconsider. Such a motion must state the reasons for reconsideration and be supported by any pertinent precedent decisions. Any motion to reconsider must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider, as required under 8 C.F.R. 103.5(a)(1)(i).

If you have new or additional information which you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reopen. Such a motion must state the new facts to be proved at the reopened proceeding and be supported by affidavits or other documentary evidence. Any motion to reopen must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reopen, except that failure to file before this period expires may be excused in the discretion of the Service where it is demonstrated that the delay was reasonable and beyond the control of the applicant or petitioner. Id.

Any motion must be filed with the office which originally decided your case along with a fee of \$110 as required under 8 C.F.R. 103.7.

FOR THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER,
EXAMINATIONS

John F. O'Reilly
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DISCUSSION: The application was denied by the Director, Nebraska Service Center, and is now before the Associate Commissioner for Examinations on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The applicant is a native and citizen of [REDACTED] who is seeking to obtain a reentry permit pursuant to section 223 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. 1203.

The director denied the application after determining that the applicant had failed to establish that he is a lawful permanent resident or conditional permanent resident of the United States.

On appeal, the applicant states that after filing a "Green Card" application on September 8, 1997, his status was changed to "Adjustment of Status," that he and his United States citizen wife have been interviewed at the Atlanta Service office in regards to the application, and that they are still waiting for a reply.

In pertinent part, section 223 of the Act provides that an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence who intends to visit abroad and return to the United States to resume that status may make an application for a permit to reenter the United States.

With certain exceptions¹, regulations at 8 C.F.R. 223.2(b) allow for the approval of a reentry permit if the application (Form I-131) is filed by a lawful permanent resident or conditional permanent resident.

The application for a reentry permit was filed on April 19, 1999. The record reflects that the applicant has an application for adjustment of status to permanent residence pending with the Service. The record further reflects that on February 22, 1998, the applicant was paroled into the United States for the purpose of pursuing his application for adjustment of status. The applicant, however, has not established that his status has been adjusted to that of a lawful permanent resident or conditional resident of the United States at the time the application was filed.

Consequently, the application for a permit to reenter the United States may not be approved. However, the applicant may file an application for advance parole at a local Immigration and Naturalization Service Office.

¹See 8 C.F.R. 223.2(c) providing ineligibility where (1) a prior reentry permit is still valid, (2) certain extended absences have been taken by the applicant, or (3) the applicant is entitled to nonimmigrant diplomatic or treaty status and has not submitted the applicable waiver and/or tax exemption form. A review of the record reveals that none of these exceptions to the approval of a reentry permit is present in the matter at hand.

The burden of proof in these proceedings rests solely with the applicant. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. 1361. The applicant has not met that burden. Accordingly, the appeal will be dismissed.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed.