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FILE [Redacted] Office: California Service Center

Date: APR 22 2003

IN RE: Petitioner: [Redacted]
Beneficiary: [Redacted]

APPLICATION: Petition for Alien Fiancé(e) under Section 101(a)(15)(K) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(K)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER: Self-represented

INSTRUCTIONS:

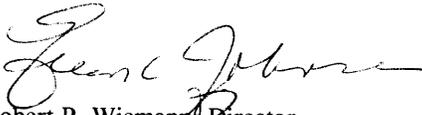
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Robert P. Wiemann, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The nonimmigrant visa petition was denied by the Director, California Service Center, and is before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The petitioner is a native of the Philippines and naturalized citizen of the United States. The beneficiary is a native and citizen of the Philippines. The petitioner seeks to have the beneficiary classified as a K-4 child of a U.S. citizen. The director denied the petition after determining that the beneficiary is not eligible for such classification because she is not the derivative beneficiary of an approved K-3 nonimmigrant visa petition.

On appeal, the petitioner submits an excerpt from the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act which provides nonimmigrant "K" classification for spouses and children of United States citizens who wish to enter the United States as non-immigrants.

Section 101(a)(15)(K) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(K), provides nonimmigrant classification to an alien who:

(i) is the fiancé(e) of a U.S. citizen and who seeks to enter the United States solely to conclude a valid marriage with that citizen within 90 days after admission;

(ii) has concluded a valid marriage with a citizen of the United States who is the petitioner, is the beneficiary of a petition to accord a status under section 201(b)(2)(A)(i) that was filed under section 204 by the petitioner, and seeks to enter the United States to await the approval of such petition and the availability to the alien of an immigrant visa; or

(iii) is the minor child of an alien described in clause (i) or (ii) and is accompanying, or following to join, the alien.

{Emphasis added}

To be eligible for the "K-4" nonimmigrant visa classification, an alien must be the unmarried child of a K-3 alien who is accompanying or following to join him or her. A K-4 nonimmigrant visa may only be issued to a derivative dependent of a K-3 nonimmigrant.

The record indicates that the beneficiary's mother became a naturalized U.S. citizen on December 4, 1998, and she is divorced from the beneficiary's father. A Petition for Alien Relative (Form I-130) was approved on behalf of the beneficiary on February 23, 1996. Approval of the Form I-130 would be sufficient for the beneficiary to apply for an immigrant visa abroad from the Department of State.

It is also noted that the beneficiary is 32 years old and married, and therefore, no longer qualifies as a "child" as that term is defined in section 101(b) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1101(b).

As noted in the director's decision, a K-4 visa can only be issued to a derivative of an approved K-3 visa. In addition, a K-4 visa can only be issued to an unmarried child, which the beneficiary is not. For both these reasons, the beneficiary is not eligible for a K-4 visa. The appeal will be dismissed.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed.