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File: [redacted] Office: ROME, ITALY

Date: OCT 17 2003

IN RE: Applicant: [redacted]

Application: Application for Refugee Travel Document Pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 223.1(b)

IN BEHALF OF APPLICANT: SELF-REPRESENTED

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INSTRUCTIONS:
This is the decision in your case. All documents have been returned to the office that 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 that 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 Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) 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 that originally decided your case along with a fee of $110 as required under 8 C.F.R. § 103.7.

Robert P. Wiemann, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application was denied by the Regional Immigration Attaché, Rome, Italy, and is now on appeal before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO). The appeal will be summarily dismissed.

The applicant, a native of Afghanistan, seeks to obtain a refugee travel document pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 223.1(b). The regional immigration attaché denied the application.

On Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal, the applicant states that he was granted asylum in the United States, traveled to Russia on business, and that his refugee travel document has expired. The applicant further indicates that a brief and/or evidence in support of the appeal will be submitted within 30 days of filing the appeal. As more than three months have passed and no additional documentation has been received, a decision will be rendered on the record at present.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(a)(v) states, in pertinent part, that:

> An officer to whom an appeal is taken shall summarily dismiss any appeal when the party concerned fails to identify specifically any erroneous conclusion of law or statement of fact for the appeal.

Inasmuch as the applicant has failed to identify any erroneous conclusion of law or statement of fact as the basis for the appeal, the regulation mandates that it be summarily dismissed.

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.

ORDER: The appeal is summarily dismissed.