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Control Number: OPQ2023000040

December 26, 2023

Brian Carr
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Dear Brian Carr:

We received your request for information relating to the processing of N-400 applications by USCIS. It is cumulative data without information concerning any particular applicant. All queries will be annual totals for the period from 1 Jan 2018 to 31 Dec 2023 (six years). 1. Please provide the yearly number of permanent residents who were eligible to apply for citizenship via the N-400 application during the particular year. While a precise total could be quite cumbersome to compute, it is acceptable to give approximate totals. For example, the total for a particular year could include all Alien ID / numbers which were assigned / activated before the end of year and had not been terminated (through granting citizenship, voluntarily gave up status, deported, deceased, etc.) by the end of the year. If it is possible to distinguish between I-130 petitions (for spouse of U.S. citizen to immigrate), the I-130 based Alien numbers should be separated out and to qualify, the resident must also have been issued the alien number at least three years before the end of the particular year. There should be a separate total for I-130 aliens. If it is not possible to separate out the I-130 applications aliens then they should be included with all other alien numbers. For the general category of alien numbers, to be considered for a particular year, the alien number must have been issued at least five years before the end of the particular year. It is understood that there are other requirements to file an N-400 citizenship application, specifically the periods of actual residence in the U.S., but it is felt that is not significant enough factor to warrant the cumbersome summing of periods of actual residence prior to the end of the particular year. As the actual residence requirement is generally only half of the period with a valid resident ID it is expected that over 95% of potential applicants will meet the residency requirement.

Your request was received in this office on December 22, 2023. We may need to contact you at a later date to discuss the scope of your request.

Your request is being handled under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552). It has been assigned the following control number: OPQ2023000040. Please cite this number in all future correspondence about your request.

We respond to requests on a first-in, first-out basis and on a multi-track system. Your request has been placed in the simple track (Track 1).

Consistent with 6 C.F.R. § 5.5(a) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) FOIA regulations, USCIS processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt. Although USCIS' goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period in certain circumstances. Due to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office, we may encounter some delay in processing your request. Additionally, due to the scope and nature of your request, USCIS will need to locate, compile, and review responsive records from multiple offices, both at headquarters and in the field. USCIS may also need to consult with another agency or other component of the Department of Homeland Security that have a substantial interest in the responsive

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information. Due to these unusual circumstances, USCIS will invoke a 10-day extension for your request pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B). Please contact our office if you would like to limit the scope of your request or to agree on a different timetable for the processing of your request. We will make every effort to comply with your request in a timely manner.

In accordance with Department of Homeland Security Regulations (6 C.F.R. § 5.3(c)), your request is deemed to constitute an agreement to pay any fees that may be chargeable up to \$25.00. Fees may be charged for searching for records sought at the respective clerical, professional, and/or managerial rates of \$4.00/\$7.00/\$10.25 per quarter hour, and for duplication of copies at the rate of \$.10 per copy. The first 100 copies and two hours of search time are not charged, and the remaining combined charges for search and duplication must exceed \$14.00 before we will charge you any fees. Most requests do not require any fees; however, if fees in excess of \$25.00 are required, we will notify you beforehand.

The National Records Center (NRC) has the responsibility to ensure that personally identifiable information (PII) pertaining to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) clients is protected. In our efforts to safeguard this information, we may request that additional information be provided to facilitate and correctly identify records responsive to your request. Though submission of this information is voluntary, without this information, your request may be delayed while additional steps are taken to ensure the correct responsive records are located and processed. Further, if we are unable to positively identify the subject of the record we may be unable to provide records responsive to your FOIA request.

How to Check the Status of Your Request

You may check the status of your FOIA request online at first.uscis.gov/#/check-status. If you have any questions concerning your pending FOIA/PA request, or to check the status of a pending application or petition, please call the USCIS Contact Center at 800-375-5283 (TTY 800-767-1833).

How to Submit Questions or Changes

Questions concerning this FOIA/PA request may be mailed to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, National Records Center, FOIA/PA Office, P.O. Box 648010, Lee's Summit, MO 64064-8010 or emailed to FOIAPAQuestions@uscis.dhs.gov. All FOIA/PA related requests, including address changes must be submitted in writing, and signed by the requester. Please include the control number listed above on all correspondence. For more information regarding the USCIS FOIA Program, please visit the USCIS website at www.uscis.gov/FOIA.

Sincerely,



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Acting Chief FOIA Officer

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