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Attn: Tania Lam
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Re: Request for travel document; record of communication

Dear Miss Lam:

First, I would like to thank you for taking the time to speak with me over the last couple of weeks regarding the possibility of obtaining a travel document to Canada.

This letter serves to formalize and document our recent telephone conversations. If you disagree with any of statements or recounting of our discussions as stated herein please do not hesitate to let me know.

1. On January 4, 2013 I contacted you by telephone to inquire about the possibility of obtaining a travel document to Canada.
 - a. I explained that a travel document had been issued on August 30, 2011.
 - b. I clearly and unequivocally stated that I was not claiming to be a Canadian citizen, nor had I claimed to be a Canadian citizen in order to obtain the previous travel document.
 - c. You informed me that the process of issuing a travel document would begin with ICE submitting a formal request to you for such.
2. On January 8, 2013 Deportation Officer Espinoza (the Deportation Office assigned to me) provided me a blank Canadian Passport application, which he directed me to complete in order to begin the process of applying for a travel document.
3. On January 8, 2013 I contacted you by telephone to express my willingness to complete the passport application with the information provided by ICE, believing such information to be false, if it would expedite the issuance of a travel document and my release from ICE custody.
 - a. I also inquired about the likelihood of criminal prosecution if I were to make such false statements on the passport application.
 - b. You informed me that it is your belief that I am a Canadian citizen and that it would be up to Passport Canada whether or not to seek prosecution for any statements made on the passport application.

- c. You also informed me, based on your belief that I am a Canadian citizen, that a travel document would be issued.
4. In consideration of the above (paragraph 3), I completed the passport application using only information which I believed to be true and correct. Namely:
 - a. for place of birth I stated U.S.;
 - b. in the declaration on the first page of the application I crossed out the word "Canadian" preceding the word citizen;
 - c. I was unable to provide any references who are Canadian citizens and/or who can attest to me being a Canadian citizen because I do not know any Canadian citizens or anyone that would be able to attest to me being a Canadian citizen.
5. On January 9, 2013 I submitted the passport application to ICE, using the facility internal mail system. Later that day ICE officers approached me about the application and I informed them I had already placed it in the mail box. They should have received it the following day (January 10, 2013).
6. On January 14, 2013 I contacted you by telephone to obtain your name for the purpose of composing this letter and, possibly, to be referenced in future legal proceedings related to my detention by ICE, in the event a travel document is not issued.
 - a. You informed me that you are not the party responsible for reviewing my case or making the final decision to issue the travel document.

I believe the above covers the extent of our communication at this point.

I would like to ask, if possible, if you may provide the name and contact information for the party responsible for reviewing my application and the final decision on the issuance of the travel document.

Also, if there is anything I can do to assist in the process of issuing the travel document please let me know and I will do whatever I can.

I thank you for your time and assistance and I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,



Richard Riess