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Senator Chuck Grassley  
Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-6050

Dear Senator Grassley:

The immigration file on a Russian associate of the Chechen Special Islamic Regiment disappeared when the alien appealed a U.S.C.I.S. removal decision to the D.O.J. Board of Immigration Appeals. The file included reports by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Agency and the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Neither the General Counsel for the D.O.J. Executive Office for Immigration Review nor the D.O.J. Inspector General is concerned over how such a file could disappear.

In response to a letter notifying General Counsel Jeff Rosenblum of the disappearance, his office ignored that the file had disappeared and ignored that the case was administratively closed as a result. (Ex. A, Response & Ex. B, Order of the Immigration Judge). Inspector General Michael E. Horowitz has not even bother to respond to an October 25, 2014, notification. (Ex. C).

The alien is a Russian raised in Grozny, Chechnya: Alina Shipilina (INA 047-202-363). U.S.C.I.S. denied her application for a V.A.W.A. waiver based on the contents of the disappeared file by concluding that Ms. Shipilina's second marriage to a U.S. citizen was fraudulent—just as was her first marriage to a U.S. citizen—and placed her in a removal proceeding.

On March 30, 2012, Immigration Judge Jesse B. Christensen adjourned her removal hearing to June 1, 2012, in order to obtain confirmation that Ms. Shipilina was appealing to the B.I.A. U.S.C.I.S.'s second decision to have her removed.

On June 1, 2012, the Immigration Judge administratively closed the removal proceeding against Ms. Shipilina because B.I.A. "reports it does not have the file." (Ex. B).

As a former manager of Kroll Associates in Moscow, I know such occurrences are common in Ms. Shipilina's homelands of Russia and Chechnya, but I had mistakenly believed they no longer happened here.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

/S/ Roy Den Hollander