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21 September 2021

Ms K Castle

[REDACTED]

Manhattan
New York City NY 10011
U.S.A.

Dear Ms Castle

REGISTRATION OF CITIZENSHIP BY DESCENT: NO CLAIM

Thank you for your application to register [REDACTED] as a New Zealand citizen by descent.

I am writing to advise that [REDACTED] does not have a claim to New Zealand citizenship by descent through you, as you are a citizen by descent yourself. For [REDACTED] to have a claim through you, you would need to be a New Zealand citizen otherwise than by descent.

The legislation that applies to [REDACTED] application is section 7(1) of the Citizenship Act 1977:

7(1) Every person born outside New Zealand on or after the 1st day of January 1978 shall be a New Zealand citizen by descent if, at the time of his birth, his father or mother is a New Zealand citizen otherwise than by descent.

As you will note from the above, only those persons whose mother or father was a New Zealand citizen otherwise than by descent at the time of the birth of the child may be registered as a New Zealand citizen by descent.

Registration if stateless

The only way [REDACTED] can be registered as a citizen by descent is if it can be determined that her would otherwise be stateless. If you believe that [REDACTED] may be stateless and wish to explore this option, please contact our office for further information. Documentation would need to be provided to show that [REDACTED] is stateless.

Citizenship by grant

You have the option of applying for a grant of citizenship for [REDACTED]

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Waitangi Tribunal

17 Sep 25

Ministry of Justice
WELLINGTON

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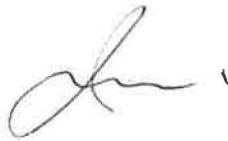
In general, applicants for a grant of citizenship must meet the standard requirement of the Citizenship Act. However, the Minister of Internal Affairs has the discretion to grant citizenship to applicants who do not meet these requirements in certain circumstances. This includes the discretion to grant citizenship to a person whose father or mother was a citizen by descent at the time of that person's birth. The Minister will make a decision on any application on a case-by-case basis. If you are interested in pursuing this option, please contact the Citizenship Office for further advice.

The documentation supplied is enclosed below.

- Original Birth Certificate

Please contact our office with any questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nova Luo', with a small flourish at the end.

Nova Luo
for Secretary for Internal Affairs