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Rosedale, NY 11422-0000

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Date: [redacted]

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RE: [redacted] A[redacted]

Referral Notice

Dear Ms. [redacted]

This letter refers to your request for asylum in the United States (Form I-589).

Applicants for asylum must credibly establish that they have suffered past persecution or have a well-founded fear of future persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion, and that they merit a grant of asylum in the exercise of discretion.

For the reason(s) indicated below, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has not granted your claim for asylum:

After careful consideration of all available information and explanations at your asylum interview, your claim was deemed not credible on the basis of:

Material inconsistency(ies) between your testimony and application and/or other evidence.

Lack of detail(s) on material points.

Brief Explanation:

---Your testimony at your asylum interview was inconsistent with your asylum application and lacked detail on material points of your claim that you suffered past persecution in Afghanistan and have a well-founded fear of persecution should you be required to return to Afghanistan on account of your political opinion in opposition to the Government's codified position concerning the traditional role of Afghan women and the rights of Afghan women in Afghanistan.

Based on the above reasons(s), your asylum application has been referred to an immigration judge for adjudication in removal proceedings before the U.S. Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review. **This is not a denial of your asylum application.** You may request asylum again before the immigration judge and your request will be considered (without additional refiling) when you appear before an immigration judge at the date and time listed on the attached charging document. The determinations that we have made in referring your application are not binding on the immigration judge, who will evaluate your

claim anew. This referral includes the dependents included in your asylum application, who are listed on the first page of this notice.

If your asylum application was filed on or after January 4, 1995, the following information applies to you. If you appeared in person on your scheduled appointment date to receive and acknowledge receipt of the decision, or you were informed not to appear in person, this referral has no effect on when you may apply for employment authorization. If an immigration judge does not deny your asylum application within 150 days of the date your asylum application was first filed in accordance with 8 C.F.R. §§ 208.3 and 208.4 (not including any delays in processing you may have sought or caused), then you will be eligible to submit a Form I-765 request for employment authorization. The earliest possible date you are eligible to apply for employment authorization is 7/01/10. Your failure to appear at a scheduled appointment will extend the period of time you must wait before you may apply for employment authorization by the number of days between the missed appointment and your appearance at a hearing before an immigration judge. If you fail to appear for the scheduled hearing before the immigration judge and such failure is not excused, employment authorization will not be granted.

Sincerely,

Judith Horzodoles, SM

for Patricia A. Menges
Director
N. Y. ASYLUM OFFICE

CC: [redacted]