

1 August 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Citizenship Status of Bernard Leon Barker, Jr., 38-251689

1. On 4 August, Mr. Edward Hart and Mr. Toney conferred with Mr. Warner and Mr. O'Hall of the General Counsel's office on the subject of restoration of the citizenship of Bernard Barker. For further information see a memorandum, dated 14 July 1951, which summarizes the previous steps taken to restore this citizenship and a memorandum, dated 17 July 1951, giving Mr. Barker's statement to the Office of Security in regard to his case. These memoranda are in the subject's 201 file. Mr. Warner recommended that Mr. Toney see Mr. Murphy of the Alien Affairs Office to get the complete background on the situation before any further efforts are made to obtain restoration of subject's citizenship. Any information obtained should be passed to Mr. O'Hall of the Office of the General Counsel in Room 221, East Building.

2. Mr. Toney conferred with Mr. Bennett of the Alien Affairs Office on the Bernard Barker case. Mr. Bennett was familiar with the subject's case and the summary of the Investigation and Naturalization Division dated 11 July 1951. This summary contains ten hours of testimony given by the subject and a summary of the investigation on subject's citizenship status.

3. Mr. Toney is making a current check with the Office of Investigation and Naturalization to determine what happened to the subject's case and to ascertain any current information concerning the subject's case. According to Mr. Bennett, there will probably be some check to determine the status of the subject's case. The Office of Investigation and Naturalization, through contractual means, will have a list of names of persons who are eligible for citizenship in the United States. It is possible that Mr. Barker could leave the country, for example, for an investigation visit, and possibly obtain citizenship in the United States and be eligible for citizenship in the United States.

4. There is now in the hands of a special conference panel to determine the status of Mr. Barker's case. His case is recorded in the file of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 104-10110-10011. The subject's case was reviewed on 17 October 1951. The investigation of a person's citizenship status of the subject would substantially determine the status of the subject's case.

The alternative of having subject leave the country may be considered
if appropriate documentation, as he was excluded from his usual
travel procedures.

In accordance with the above information, the Bureau telephoned the
Embassy in London last week with the Office of Immigration and Naturalization
to obtain information since the case was pending in 1970. It is
therefore recommended that the Office of the Inspector General conduct an
investigation of the possibility of introducing a new visa application
to regularize status for Mr. Barker.

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