

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 case and advised the Bureau of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, dated 11 July 1951. This advisory briefing was based on information received from the Bureau of Investigation on subject's citizenship status and the Bureau of Customs on subject's entry into the country.

3. Mr. Toney is making a current check with the Office of Investigation and Immigration to determine what happened to the subject's citizenship and to ascertain any current information concerning the subject's status. According to Mr. Bennett, there will probably be some information which will be checked. The Bureau of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, through consular channels, will have a card file on the subject's case to restore the citizenship of the subject. The Bureau of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, for example, will have a card file on the subject's case, and will probably have information on the subject's entry into the country and be able to determine if the subject's citizenship was restored by returning to the country.

4. There is now in the Bureau of a special conference parole to the subject, in the name of Bernard Barker, Jr. His case is recorded in the Bureau of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 104-10110-10011. The subject's entry into the country on 17 October 1950, and the restoration of his citizenship, if it is determined that the subject would substantially benefit from the grant of citizenship.

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

In accordance with the above information, the Bureau telephoned the State Department last week with the Office of Immigration and Naturalization in order to get information since the case was pending in 1970. It is therefore recommended that the Office of the Director, which controls all investigations of the possibility of introducing a new visa application to regularize status for Mr. Barker.

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