

[CID LAW INSTRUCTIONS NO. 16, March 25, 1988]

CANCELLATION OF ALIEN REGISTRATION

To obviate unnecessary problems raised by the possible issued of citizenship, we underscore the following prior CID regulations:

1. Any person electing Philippine citizenship shall surrender for cancellation his alien certificate of registration. (Bureau of Immigration Circular dated 12 April 1954.)
2. The Commission shall entertain petitions for cancellation of alien certificate of registration only when the claim for Philippine citizenship is based on any of the following grounds.
 - a. As a consequence of the naturalization of the petitioner members of his family;
 - b. As a consequence of a valid marriage to a Filipino citizen;
 - c. As a result of a valid election;
 - d. Repatriation of former Filipino women or deserters of the Army and Navy as provided for under Commonwealth Act No. 63; or
 - e. Recognition of Philippine citizens by direct act of Congress.

Petitions for such cancellation based on any ground other than those enumerated above, shall not be entertained and the interested parties shall be advised to address their respective petitions to the courts for appropriate judicial consideration and action. (Commissioner's memorandum dated 18 August 1956.)

3. In case of denial of the petition, an appeal may be elevated to the Secretary of Justice or the proper court of justice for review and decision. (Justice Secretary's memorandum dated 28 August 1958.)

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