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Immigration News from USCIS

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1. New Telephone Scam—We recently learned of a new telephone scam targeting USCIS customers. Scammers are using a technique called “Caller ID spoofing” to display a misleading phone number in a recipient’s Caller ID. The scammer pretends to be a USCIS official and asks for personal information such as Social Security number, passport number, or alien number. They claim there are problems with the person’s immigration records, and ask for immediate payment to correct the records. If you get a call like this, we urge you to say “No, thank you”

and hang up. **Do not** give payment or personal information over the phone to anyone who claims to be a USCIS official. We encourage you to protect your personal information and case details. Report this and any other immigration scam to reportfraud@dhs.gov and to the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftc.gov/complaint or www.ftc.gov/queja. To read our blog on this topic, go to <http://blog.uscis.gov>.

2. Workload Transfer—We recently transferred some casework within the service centers to balance workload. The affected workload includes:

USCIS Form	Transfer of Workload
I-129F, Petition for Alien Fiancé(e)	Vermont Service Center to Texas Service Center
I-130, Petition for Alien Relative (F2A category for spouses and children of permanent residents)	Vermont Service Center to Nebraska Service Center
I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (with Form I-765)	Vermont Service Center to Nebraska Service Center
I-751, Petition to Remove the Conditions on Residence	Vermont Service Center to California Service Center

If your case was transferred, we will send you a notice with the transfer date and where your case will be processed. Your receipt number will not change. If you inquire about your case, please indicate that your case was transferred. If you receive a request for evidence or other communication from us, please

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read the notice carefully to ensure you respond to the correct service center. Starting July 29, 2013, all newly filed I-129F forms are being directed to the TSC. The receipt notice will have a TSC receipt number beginning with “SRC.” We will post updates as this process evolves.

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8-15517	KOBYT, JOSEPH	Penn.
1506-560	KOHLN, LOUIS; re his natzn	
1566-560	KOHN, LUI; re citizenship of	
106968-339	KOHNVALEKY, SIMRE; re change of name from Sam Cohn	3-31-17
10088-2082	KOKINOS, JOHN; re his natzn papers	
8-18697	KOHOUT, CHAS.F.	No.
8-19912	KOIRTH, MYER	Ohio
8-20148	KOHNICK(ucik), JOSEPH	N.Y.
8-21229	KOKOS, GAVRIL	No.
8-7908	KOKIOUSIS, WILLIAM PAUL; Soldier	
2610-D-2189	KOJANSKY, ALEXANDER; re o/a	11-12-19
834-3784	KOJIN, JOHANNES PETERSON; rec/a	

3. Genealogy Website Rolls Out a New Name Index

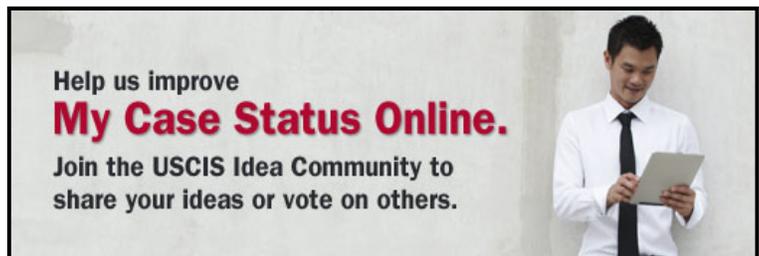
—One of the newest features in our history and genealogy website is a [Name Index](#). The Name Index to Bureau of Naturalization Correspondence includes images of more than 140,000 index cards on 19 rolls of microfilm. Anyone who corresponded with the Naturalization Service about any subject related to nationality or citizenship, or anything having to do with the Service’s functions, from 1906 to 1944 may be included in the index.

This includes, but is not limited to, many naturalized citizens. For example, a naturalized citizen who wrote the Bureau of Naturalization with a question about a changed name is included in the index. To make the website a little easier to use, our History and Genealogy Program created these user-friendly shortcuts:

- History and Genealogy main page—www.uscis.gov/historyandgenealogy
- Genealogy Program main page—www.uscis.gov/genealogy
- Agency History main page—www.uscis.gov/history
- Historical Library main page—www.uscis.gov/library
- Research main page—www.uscis.gov/research

4. We Welcome Your Ideas!—Last month we launched an online feedback forum called USCIS Idea Community, which allows you to submit new ideas, vote on ideas posted by others (which gives it a score), and offer comments. The latest topic is **how can we improve the case status online tool**. To register online, visit

www.uscisconnect.ideascale.com. Remember, USCIS Idea Community is not the place to ask questions about a particular immigration case. For case questions, please refer to the [Contact Us](#) section of our website.



5. Policy Memos Issued—USCIS issued and posted the following policy memos at: [www.uscis.gov>laws>policy memoranda](http://www.uscis.gov>laws>policy%20memoranda)

- **August 19, 2013**—[Acceptance of Diversity Visa-Related I-485 Applications during the Advanced Notification Period Reflected in the Visa Bulletin](#)



6. **Upcoming National Engagements**—We manage a comprehensive calendar of public engagements at www.uscis.gov/publicengagement. Click on the links below for details:

- **September 26, 2013**—We will host a free [Chinese-Language Engagement](#) on the naturalization process at 7:30 pm (Eastern time).

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