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CA/PPT/S/L/LE – Loss of U.S. Birth Certificates

Case Control Number: F-2010-04409

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Dear Mr. Ming:

We are responding to your request dated July 21, 2010, for information related to the number of lost birth certificates submitted with an application for a U.S. passport, from January 1, 2005 through January 1, 2010.

We apologize for the delay in responding to your request.

The Department of State, Passport Services has completed a search of its records for information related to the number of lost birth certificates submitted with an application for a U.S. passport, from January 1, 2005 through January 1, 2010. We are able to provide the following answers to your questions based on available information:

- 1) The number of birth certificates submitted with passport applications that were lost or not returned to the applicant?

*5,652 birth certificates associated with passport applications were documented as lost.*

- 2) How many applicants did not get their birth certificate returned?

*This information is not available.*

- 3) What is the percentage of birth certificates lost, to the number of original passport applications processed?

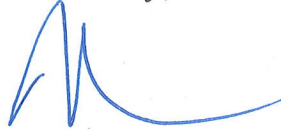
*Of the 85,855,976 applications received in calendar years 2005-2010, 0.007% (5,652) of birth certificates associated with a passport application was documented as lost.*

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We hope that Passport Services has been of service to you in this matter.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Jonathan M. Rolbin, Director  
Office of Legal Affairs and Law Enforcement Liaison  
Bureau of Consular Affairs  
Passport Services

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