Department of State (DOS) Consular Consolidated Database (CCD)

CCD Checks for USCIS Adjudications

Form I-526, Immigrant Petition by Alien Investor

April 25, 2021

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Agenda

- **Training Objectives**
- **CCD Overview**
- **How to Use CCD**
- **I-526 Specific Areas of Concern**
- **The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) Threat**
- **I-526 Pilot Data Collection**
- **CCD Resources and Tools**

Objectives

By the end of this course, you will be able to understand:

- **What CCD is and how it's used in USCIS adjudications;**
- **What indicators to look for when conducting CCD checks on form I-526;**
- **What data will be collected for the study; and**
- **Where to locate resources and tools to help you use CCD.**

CCD Overview

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- **CCD is a data warehouse that holds current and archived data from Consular Affairs (CA) domestic and post databases worldwide, including visa data from American Citizen Services (ASC), Immigrant Visas (IV), Nonimmigrant Visas (NIV), and other repositories.**
- **Information is updated in near real time**

Benefits of CCD Use

By checking CCD information, the adjudicator can compare an applicant's immigration history ensuring a consistent immigration history is reported to both DOS and USCIS. CCD stores information on:

- Marital Status/History
- Children
- Special Terms and Condition on Visas
- Travel History
- Employment and Educational History
- Purpose of Visa and Plans in the US

Benefits of CCD Use – Form I-526

- **Known risks related to alien investor program in general**
- **Enhancing vetting efforts through testing additional tools**
- **Unique adversarial threats**
- **Assessing credibility by identifying inconsistencies in self-reported data**
- **Integrate security precepts with adjudication processes**

Confidentiality

- **Subject to the "Third-Agency Rule"**
- **Maintain the confidentiality of visa records (CCD data) as described under Section 222 (f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA)**
- **Privacy Act of 1974**
- **Must have a "need to know"**

Confidentiality (cont.)

- **DoS visa records are generally Sensitive But Unclassified (SBU)**
- **Generally, USCIS may not disclose visa records without DoS approval, except as provided in the USCIS-Consular Affairs Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (2006) and/or the DHS-DOS MOA (2008) and according to INA 222(f).**

Use of "Live Data" During Training

- **This training may include the use of "live data" – PII that identifies real people with real cases.**
- **You are given access because you have a need to know this information for an official purpose.**
- **The information must be handled with respect and in confidence.**
- **Follow the directions of the instructor on use, handling and safeguarding of the data.**
- **Except where necessary, PII has been redacted from training materials.**

CCD Navigation

How to Gain Access to CCD

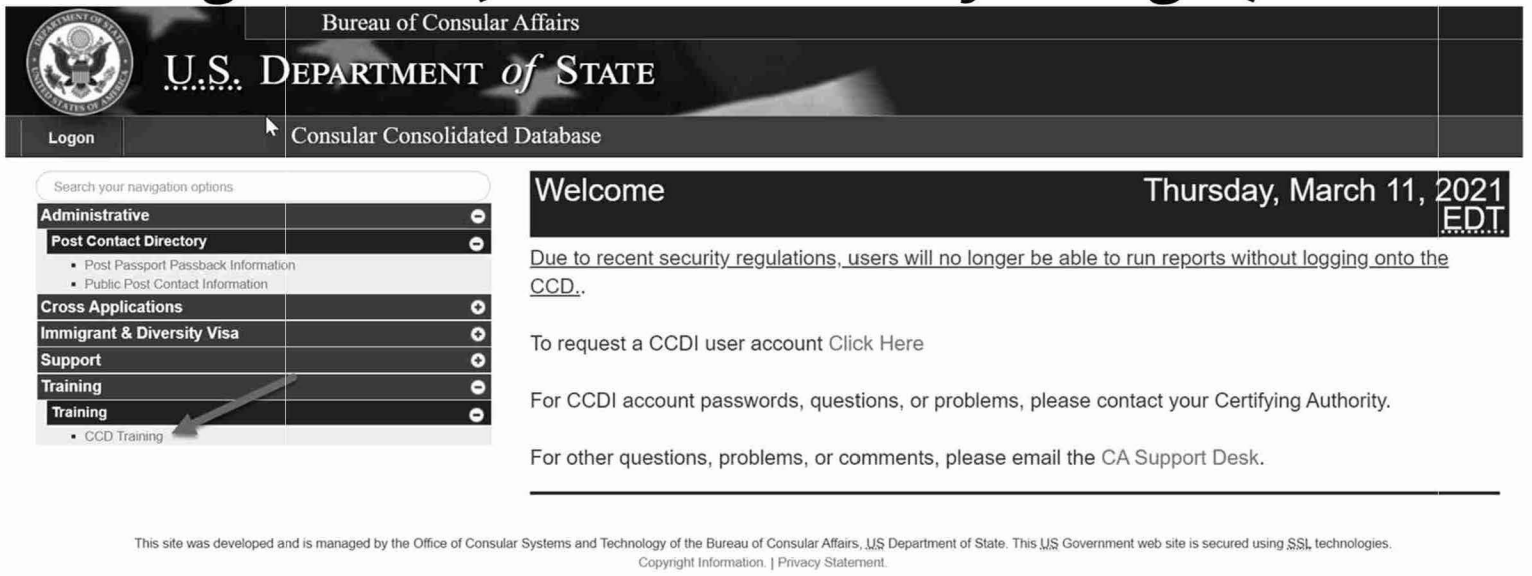
- **You MUST self register at https://CCDI.state.osis.gov before submitting your request.**
- **IPO officers (non-FDNS) should request CCD access for the "DHS/USCIS/OFO" user location.**
- **Go to and open myIT on your desktop**

- ***Select* Browse myIT, CCD (under popular items)**

NOTE: A new DHS Rules of Behavior form is required annually.

Mandatory Training

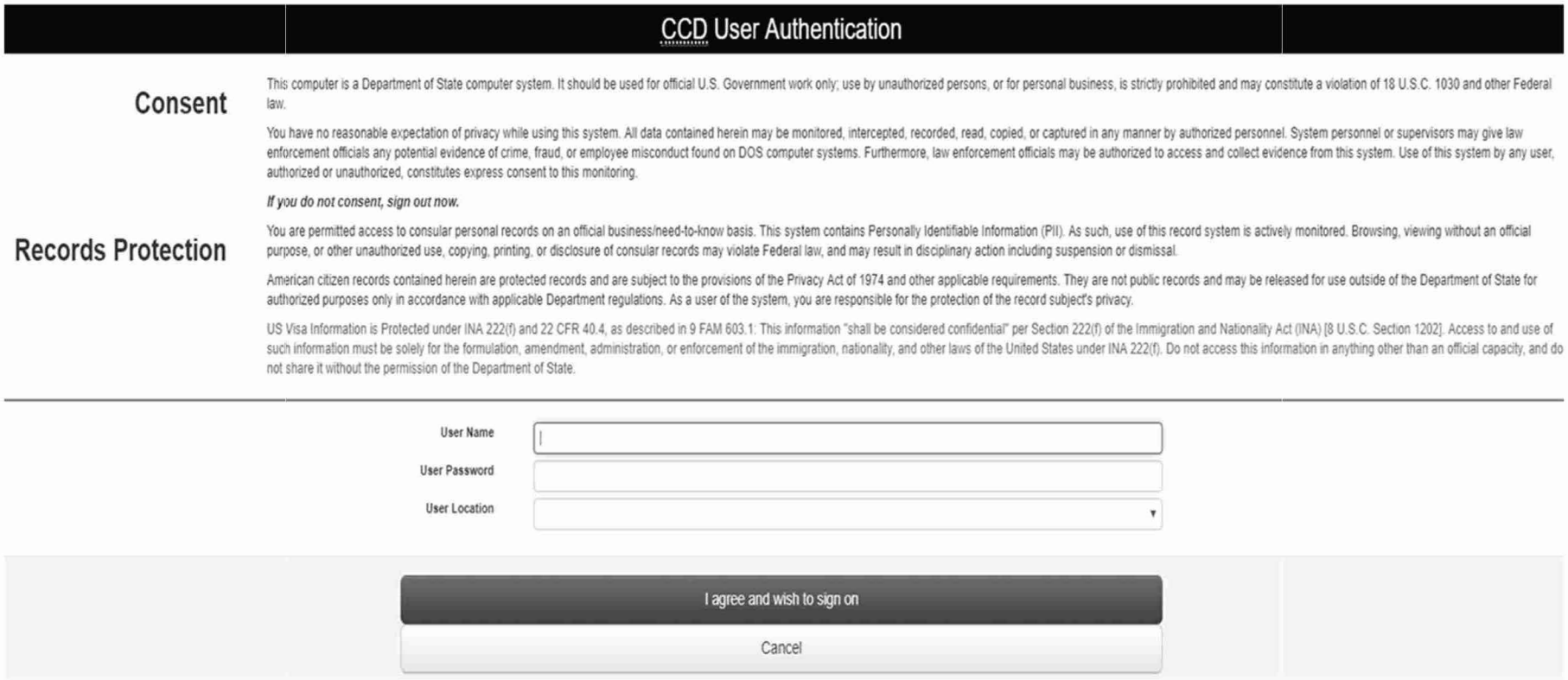
- **Before accessing CCD, you must complete the mandatory training in CCD (before or after you login)**



Login

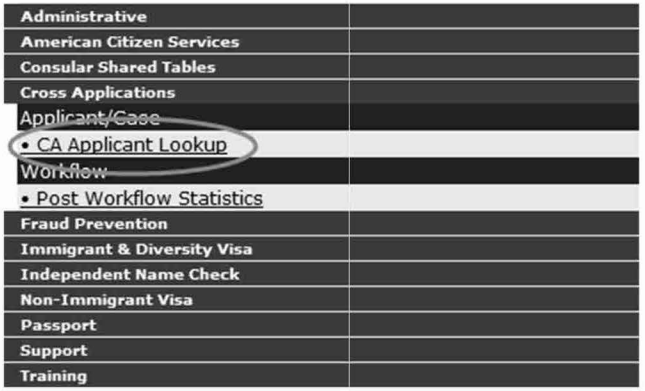
- **After obtaining access and successfully passing the mandatory training, select “Logon” at the top left**

User Authentication



How to Search in CCD

- **Use the Cross Applicant Lookup ("CA Lookup") tab to search across the system for applicants who may have records in NIV, IV, IVIS, DV, DVIS or other consular visa application databases.**
- **"CA Lookup" handout**



CA Lookup (cont.)

- **"CA Lookup" provides users with an easy-to-use and powerful tool for locating records within the system.**
- **CA Lookup allows users to submit a single query based on a partial name (with or without a date of birth).**
- **<u>Remember, less is more in CA Lookup!</u>**

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DS-260 Report

All security questions are answered 'NO'.

Case Number: KNG[redacted]
Barcode Number: [redacted]
Case Status: DATA CHECKED

Fee Paid Online
Date:23-APR-2015
Data Checked

REMARKS

Seq.	Section	Remarks	Submit Date	Site Code

APPLICANT

Name Provided:
Full Name in Native Language:
Other Names Used:
(1) Other Name:
(2) Other Name:
Date of Birth:
Place of Birth:
Country/Region of Origin (Nationality):
Document Type:
Document ID:
Country/Authority that Issued Document:
Issuance Date:
Expiration Date:
Do you hold or have you held any nationality other than the one you have indicated above?
Sex:
Marital Status:

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PREVIOUS US TRAVEL

Have you ever been in the U.S.?
Have you ever been issued a U.S. visa?
Have you ever been refused a U.S. Visa, been refused admission to the United States, or withdrawn your application for admission at the port of entry?

WORK, EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Present Work/Education/Training

Primary Occupation:
Specify Other:
Present Employer or School Name:
Address:
City:
State/Province:
Postal Zone/Zip Code:
Country/Region:
Do you have other occupations?
In which occupation do you intend to work in the U.S.?

Additional Work/Education/Training

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Check on Learning Navigating CCD

Q: Where can NS indicators be found (if any)?

Q: What is the DS-160?

Q: How do I navigate to the DS-160 Report?

I-526 Specific Indicators

I-526 Specific Indicators Roadmap

Examples from IPO cases where NS indicators were found in the DS-160 Report:

I. Education

II. Employment

III. Passports

IV. Military

V. Other Areas Of Concern - Referrals, Trainings, Resources, Etc.

I. Education

Education: Example 1 of 8

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Have you attended any educational institutions at a secondary level or above?		
(1)	Name of Institution:	
	Address of Institution:	
	City:	
	State/Province:	
	Postal Zone/ZIP Code:	
	Country/Region:	

Educational Institution: Academy of State Security, Moscow, Russia

Education: Example 1 of 8

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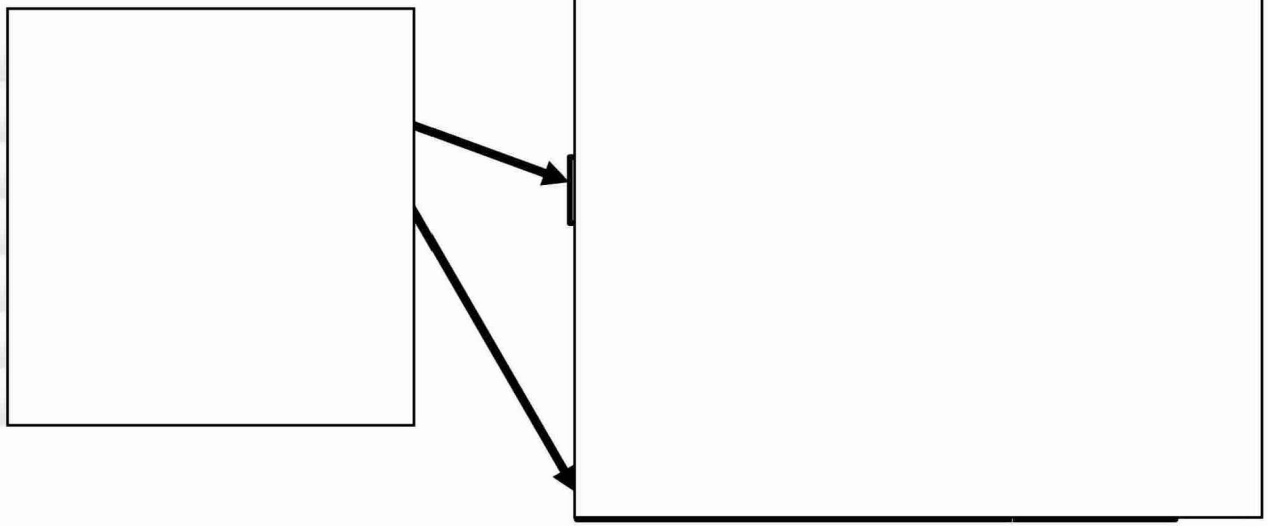
Have you attended any educational institutions at a secondary level or above?	
(1)	Name of Institution:
	Address of Institution:
	City:
	State/Province:
	Postal Zone/ZIP Code:
	Country/Region:



"The FSB Academy, is … federally chartered to prepare Russian Intelligence personnel."

Education: Example 2 of 8

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(1)	Name of Institution:	
	Address of Institution:	
	City:	
	State/Province:	
	Postal Zone/ZIP Code:	
	Country/Region:	
	Course of Study:	
	Date of Attendance From:	
	Date of Attendance To:	

Educational Institution: PLA College of International Relations, China, "is responsible for training military attaches … as well as secret agents to be posted abroad" and "is a key training centre for intelligence officers."

Education: Example 3 of 8

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Have you attended any educational institutions at a secondary level or above?		
(1)	Name of Institution:	
	Address of Institution:	
	City:	
	State/Province:	
	Postal Zone/ZIP Code:	
	Country/Region:	

Education: Example 3 of 8

Beijing, China: Central Party School of the Chinese Communist Party

- "China's Top Party School … sits at the top of a vast network of party schools … [serves as a] propaganda factory … [and instructs] the rising stars of the Communist Party."
- "Former headmasters include [presidents of the People's Republic of China] such as **Mao Zedong**, **Liu Shaoqi**, **Hu Jintao** and **Xi Jinping**"

Education: Example 4 of 8

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Have you attended any educational institutions at a secondary level or above?		
(1)	Name of Institution:	
	Address of Institution:	
	City:	
	State/Province:	
	Postal Zone/ZIP Code:	
	Country/Region:	
	Course of Study:	

Education: Example 5 of 8

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Have you attended any educational institutions at a secondary level or above?		
(1)	Name of Institution:	
	Address of Institution:	
	City:	
	State/Province:	
	Postal Zone/ZIP Code:	
	Country/Region:	

Educational Institution: PLA Air Force Logistics College, China

Education: Example 6 of 8

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Have you attended any educational institutions at a secondary level or above?		
(1)	Name of Institution:	
	Address of Institution:	
	City:	
	State/Province:	
	Postal Zone/ZIP Code:	
	Country/Region:	
	Course of Study:	

Educational Institution: Air Force Engineering University, China; Studied English at a PLA Air Force Engineering University

Education: Example 7 of 8

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Have you attended any educational institutions at a secondary level or above?		
(1)	Name of Institution:	
	Address of Institution:	
	City:	

Educational Institution: Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, Hanoi, Vietnam

Education: Example 8 of 8

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Have you attended any educational institutions at a secondary level or above?		
(1)	Name of Institution:	
	Address of Institution:	
	City:	
	State/Province:	
	Postal Zone/ZIP Code:	
	Country/Region:	
	Course of Study:	

Educational Institution: Diplomatic Academy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Moscow, Russia

II. Employment

Employment: Example 1 of 13

Primary Occupation:	GOVERNMENT
Present Employer or School Name:	WORK COMMITTEE OF CPC
Address:	
City:	
State/Province:	
Postal Zone/Zip Code:	
Country/Region:	
Work Phone Number:	
Monthly Income in Local Currency(if employed):	
Briefly Describe your Duties:	MANAGEMENT

Employment: CPC = Communist Party of China

Employment: Example 2 of 13

Additional Work/Education/Training	
Do you belong to a clan or tribe?	**YES**
Clan or Tribe Name:	COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHINA

Employment: Example 3 of 13

Additional Work/Education/Training	
Do you belong to a clan or tribe?	**YES**
Clan or Tribe Name:	CHINA COMMUNIST PARTY

Employment: Communist Party of China

Employment: Example 4 of 13

Present Work/Education/Training	
Primary Occupation:	GOVERNMENT
Present Employer or School Name:	PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT OF THE CPC MINHANG COMMITTEE
Address:	
City:	
State/Province:	
Postal Zone/Zip Code:	
Country/Region:	
Work Phone Number:	
Monthly Income in Local Currency(if employed):	
Briefly Describe your Duties:	

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Employment: Example 5 of 13

Were you previously employed?		YES
(1)	Employer Name:	MINHANG DISTRICT WOMEN'S FEDERATION
	Employer Address:	
	City:	
	State/Province:	
	Postal Zone/Zip Code:	
	Country/Region:	
	Telephone Number:	
	Job Title:	
	Supervisor's Surnames:	
	Supervisor's Given Names:	
	Employment Date From:	
	Employment Date To:	
	Briefly describe your duties:	

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Employment: Example 6 of 13

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Present Employer or School Name:	
Address:	
City:	
State/Province:	
Postal Zone/Zip Code:	
Country/Region:	

Employment: Huawei HQ

Employment: Example 7 of 13

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Present Work/Education/Training	
Primary Occupation:	
Present Employer or School Name:	
Address:	
City:	
State/Province:	
Postal Zone/Zip Code:	
Country/Region:	
Month Salary in Local Currency:	
Briefly Describe your Duties:	

Employment: Huawei HQ, management role

Employment: Example 8 of 13

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Present Work/Education/Training	
Primary Occupation:	
Present Employer or School Name:	
Address:	
City:	
State/Province:	
Postal Zone/Zip Code:	
Country/Region:	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Employment: Huawei subsidiary in the United States

Employment: Example 9 of 13

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Were you previously employed?		
(1)	Employer Name:	
	Employer Address:	
	City:	
	State/Province:	
	Postal Zone/Zip Code:	
	Country/Region:	CHINA

Employment: People's Liberation Army

Employment: Example 10 of 13

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Were you previously employed?		
(1)	Employer Name:	
	Employer Address:	
	City:	BEIJING
	State/Province:	
	Postal Zone/Zip Code:	
	Country/Region:	
	Telephone Number:	
	Job Title:	TEACHER
	Supervisor's Surnames:	
	Supervisor's Given Names:	
	Employment Date From:	
	Employment Date To:	
	Briefly describe your duties:	

Employment: Teacher for 8 years at PLA Air Force Academy

Employment: Example 11 of 13

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Previous Work/Education/Training		
Were you previously employed?		YES
(1)	Employer Name:	
	Employer Address:	
	City:	
	State/Province:	
	Postal Zone/Zip Code:	100741
	Country/Region:	CHINA

<u>Employment</u>: Headquarters of Ministry of Public Security of Tiananmen Square, Beijing, China

Employment: Example 12 of 13

Job Title:	GOVERNOR
Supervisor's Surnames:	
Supervisor's Given Names:	

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Employment: Governor; directly supervised by the President of Russia

Employment: Example 13 of 13

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Primary Occupation:	OTHER
Specify Other:	[redacted]
Present Employer or School Name:	[redacted]
Address:	[redacted]
City:	
State/Province:	
Postal Zone/Zip Code:	
Country/Region:	
Work Phone Number:	
Monthly Income in Local Currency(if employed):	
Briefly Describe your Duties:	[redacted]

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Employment: Leadership position in Ministry of Internal Affairs, Russia

III. Passports

Official Passports: Example 1 of 1

Passport Number
SE[redacted]2, Official

Passport Number
S[redacted]3, Official

Passport Number
S[redacted]7, Official

Passport Number
P[redacted]3, Official

Passport Number
P[redacted]9, Official

Passport Number
P[redacted]6, Official

Passport Number
PE[redacted]1, Official

Passport Number
P[redacted]1, Official

Passports: Official vs Regular

IV. Military

Military: Example 1 of 3

Have you ever served in the military?		YES
(1)	Name of Country/Region:	CHINA
	Branch of Service:	
	Rank/Position:	
	Military Specialty:	
	Date of Service From:	
	Date of Service To:	

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Military: Example 2 of 3

Have you ever served in the military?		YES
(1)	Name of Country/Region:	CHINA
	Branch of Service:	
	Rank/Position:	
	Military Specialty:	
	Date of Service From:	
	Date of Service To:	

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Military: Example 3 of 3

Do you have any specialized skills or training, including firearms, explosives, nuclear, biological, or chemical experience?		NO
Have you ever served in the military?		YES
(1)	Name of Country/Region:	RUSSIA
	Branch of Service:	
	Rank/Position:	
	Military Specialty:	
	Date of Service From:	
	Date of Service To:	

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V. Other Areas Of Concern - Referrals, Trainings, Resources, Etc.

Additional Possible NS Indicators

Indicators *may* be found in Case Notes, which are the notes of Consular Officers:

- Critical Point: Do NOT use Case Notes in RFEs/NOIDs/etc.; these are often the mental impressions or observations of Consular Officers, and may NOT be revealed to Petitioner/Counsel without prior DOS approval
- Case Notes can reference "SAO" or "TAL"
  - SAO – Security Advisory Opinion
  - TAL – Technology Alert List

Review the contents of any [redacted]

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From DOS DS-160 Exemplar

By clicking "Sign and Submit Application" you are electronically signing the application. You are required to electronically sign your application yourself, unless otherwise exempt by regulation, even if the application has been prepared by someone other than yourself. Your electronic signature certifies that you have read and understood the questions in this application and that your answers are true and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. The submission of an application containing any false or misleading statements may result in the permanent refusal of a visa or the denial of entry into the United States. All declarations made in this application are unsworn declarations made under penalty of perjury. (28 U.S.C. 1746).

Source of Funds Inconsistencies

Source of Funds inconsistencies between declarations on DS-160 & Form I-526 supporting documents addressed in:

- February 2020 OCC Decision Writing training, Hypo #2
- AAO Non-precedent Decisions:
  - January 22, 2021 In Re: [redacted] (b)(6)
  - December 21, 2020 In Re: [redacted]
  - August 2, 2019 Matter of C-Z

Fraud Referrals

- [redacted]
- [redacted]

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IPO National Security Trainings

Analyzing NS indicators and determining whether to refer to Screening Branch:

- December 2019 EB5 University NS Indicator Training (emailed to staff)
- April 2020 FDNS-Compliance Referral Training
- ECN Location for IPO NS Referral Sheet

CCD Pilot

DISCLAIMER

Communist and Totalitarian Party Inadmissibility Grounds

- **Policy Manual, Volume 8 – Updated October 2020**
- **In general, unless they meet an exception, any intending immigrant who is a member or affiliate of the Communist Party or any other totalitarian party (or subdivision or affiliate), domestic or foreign, is inadmissible to the United States.**

CCD Pilot Data Collection

- **IPO adjudicators will answer CCD related questions for each Form I-526 filed by a PRC national.**
- **The responses will be collected on the IPO ECN.**
- **OP&S and FDNS will use the data collected from the CCD checks to prepare a report on findings and recommendations for the Office of the Director.**

ACEs I-526 Adjudications Worksheet Update

- **The ACEs I-526 Adjudications Worksheet and Instructions have been updated and are effective as of 4/28/2021.**
- **The CCD drop down menu in the required checks section includes updates to capture more specific issues including the date that CCD was checked and the addition of NS Indicators.**
- **Where negative information found in CCD impacts the adjudication, the MD requires that you print a copy and place in the right-hand side of the file.** ***See*** **MD 214-001, Section IV.D.1: Management Directive 214-001**
- **The ACEs I-526 Adjudications Worksheet and Instructions update will be discussed on Tuesday 4/27 at the ECN walk-through.**

Resources

- **Management Directive 214-001 re CCD access and checks**
- **Department of State Form DS-160 Exemplar**
- **China Defense University Tracker from Australian Strategic Policy Institute (also noted in IPO FDNS Screening training)**
- **Mapping China's Tech Giants**
- **DOJ China Initiative & Related Prosecutions**
- **https://ccdi.state.osis.gov/docs/Training/index.htm**

Feedback

Questions?

Comments?