

with findings of fact, conclusions of law, and the recommendation of the Service, subject to review and approval by the Commissioner in those cases or classes of cases designated by him or her, for presentation to the court with the designated examiner's memorandum. In the preparation of memoranda, designated examiners and regional operations liaison officers shall be bound by the interpretations and rulings by the Attorney General or the Commissioner on Questions of law.

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§ 335.13 Notice of recommendation on petitions for naturalization of designated examiner.

(a) *Recommendation that petition be denied.* When the designated examiner proposes to recommend denial of the petition filed prior to October 1, 1991, the petitioner or his or her attorney or representative shall be notified thereof and furnished a copy of the designated examiner's memorandum. The notice shall be given in conjunction with notification of the date, place, and time of holding the final hearing. The notice shall be sent by certified mail, with return receipt requested, after any review made by the regional administrator.

(b) *Recommendation that petition be granted.* When the designated examiner proposes to recommend granting of the petition filed prior to October 1, 1991 and to present the facts and issues to the court, the petitioner or his or her attorney or representative shall be notified of the recommendation and furnished a copy of the designated examiner's memorandum prior to the date of the hearing, and after any review made by the regional administrator.

(c) *Disagreement between recommendations of designated examiner and the regional administrator.* In those cases reviewed by the regional administrator in which his or her views and recommendations do not agree with those of the designated examiner, the notice required by paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section shall also advise the petitioner of the recommendation of the regional administrator and that both recommendations will be presented to the court. There shall also be enclosed

with such notice a copy of the regional administrator's memorandum.

(d) *Briefs.* If the petitioner intends to file a brief or memorandum at the final hearing, he or she shall furnish a copy thereof to the Service office from which the notice on Form N-425 emanated at least 5 days prior to the date of the final hearing. Failure to do so will result in a motion for a continuance if deemed essential for the proper presentation of the Government's case.

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PART 336—HEARINGS ON DENIALS OF APPLICATIONS FOR NATURALIZATION

Sec.

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§ 336.1 Denial after section 335 examination.

(a) After completing all examination procedures contained in part 335 of this chapter and determining to deny an application for naturalization, the Service shall serve a written notice of denial upon an applicant for naturalization no later than 120 days after the date of the applicant's first examination on the application.

(b) A notice of denial shall be prepared in a written, narrative format, and shall recite, in clear concise language, the pertinent facts upon which the determination was based, the specific legal section or sections applicable to the finding of ineligibility, and the conclusions of law reached by the examining officer in rendering the decision. Such notice of denial shall also contain a specific statement of the applicant's right either to accept the determination of the examining officer, or request a hearing before an immigration officer.

(c) Service of the notice of denial may be made in person or by certified