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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:)
) Docket No. **17-0006**
Samuel Hunter)
)
Petitioner) **Dismissal (With Prejudice)**

Appearances:

Mr. Corey Lea, representative for Mr. Samuel Hunter, Petitioner; and

Mr. Juan Carlos Alarcon, Esq. with the Office of the General Counsel, Civil Rights
Litigation Division, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington D.C.

1. The "Petitioners Request for a Formal Hearing before the Administrative Law Judge", filed October 20, 2016, of Petitioner Samuel Hunter is before me. The Petition is Respectfully Submitted by Corey Lea, Representative for Bernice Atchison. [I expected to read "Samuel Hunter" instead of Bernice Atchison.]

2. I have carefully reviewed Petitioner's Request and the Agency Response filed November 9, 2016, a copy of which is attached.

3. I conclude that Administrative Law Judges have no authority to grant the relief requested, as stated in the Agency Response. Consequently, the case of Samuel Hunter, Petitioner, is DISMISSED (With Prejudice).

Copies of this Dismissal (With Prejudice) order shall be served by the Hearing Clerk upon each of the parties.

Done at Washington, D.C.
this 25th day of November 2016



Jill S. Clifton
Administrative Law Judge

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