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All renunciation cases are forwarded to the U.S. Department of State for review and approval. Only after the Department of State approves loss of nationality is a case considered complete. Upon receipt of the U.S. Department of State's determination, the Embassy mails the determination to the person requesting renunciation.

**From:** Michael Laham [<mailto:mmandel2012@aol.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016 12:01 PM

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To Lorraine Finn

We are wondering...being that Elana Laham's request for renouncement of her USA Citizenship had to be processed thru the State Department in Washington D.C., isn't she supposed to get her stamp of approval and/or other paperwork from the State Department in Washington D.C., instead of from the USA Tel Aviv Israel Embassy?

If not, why did Elana have to wait from May 26, 2016, when she came in to renounce her USA citizenship, to June 13, 2016, to pick up her Certificate of Loss of Nationality and associated paperwork ?

Was the wait due to the State Department in Washington D.C., checking the background of someone who applies to renounce his or her USA citizenship for such things as taxes not paid, outstanding arrest warrants, criminal activity, committing treason, or being stateless, before approving the renunciation?

From Michael and Elana Laham

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