

ASSESSMENT TO REFER

ALIEN NUMBER: [REDACTED]

DATE: October 17, 2011

NAME: [REDACTED]

ASYLUM OFFICER: ZAR 174

COUNTRY: Burkina Faso

REVIEWING SAO: ZAR 380

LOCATION: ZAR

The applicant indicated that he is a thirty-five year-old male, native and citizen of Burkina Faso who entered the United States at New York on April 14, 2012, and was admitted as a B-2 visitor until October 14, 2013.

The applicant was not represented at his asylum interview. The asylum interview was conducted in English and French. The interpreter at the asylum interview was [REDACTED]. The asylum application (Form I-589) was prepared by [REDACTED].

The applicant fears that the government of Burkina Faso will harm him on account of his political opinion, as a member of the National Union For Democracy and Development (UNDD), a political party that is opposed to the government of Burkina Faso.

The applicant first filed his asylum application on April 9, 2013. The application was returned and the applicant resubmitted his application on April 26, 2013. Applicant first made his intention to file for asylum on April 9, 2013, and the second application was submitted within a reasonable time.

Applicant testified as follows: He was born in Ivory Coast and returned to Burkina Faso in 1984 at the age of seven. Applicant became a member of the National Union for Democracy and Development (UNDD) in November 2011. Applicant's activity was to gather the youths and explain the platform of the UNDD.

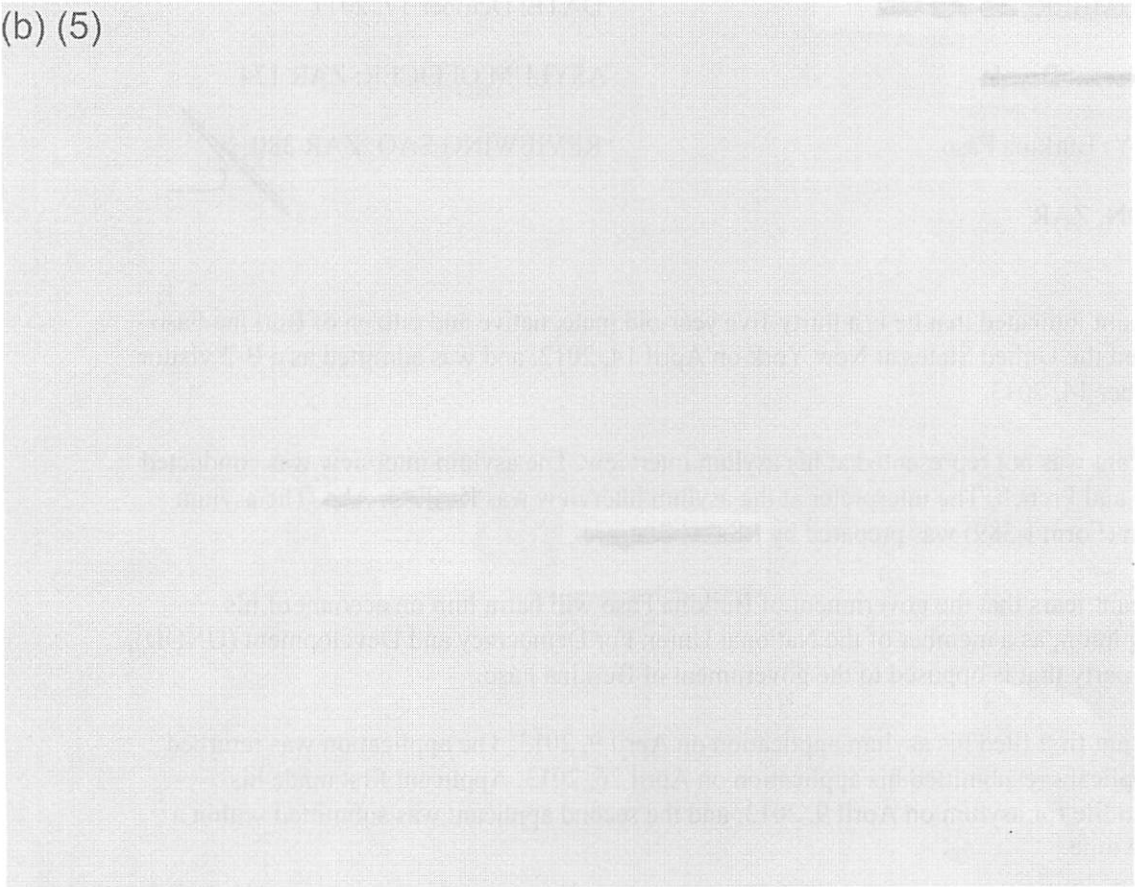
Applicant was arrested two times. His initial arrest occurred on November 8, 2004, when he was distributing flyers calling for the release of journalist Matthew N 'do. Applicant was taken to a secret location, where he was beaten and detained from November 8 until November 20, 2004.

Applicant's second arrest occurred on September 13, 2010, when he received a summons from the gendarmes to report to gendarmerie. In the evening, applicant reported to a gendarmerie in his neighborhood, where he was beaten and detained for two days. Applicant was subsequently

transferred to a secret location, where he was detained for an additional four days. During the period of his detention, applicant was forced to do push-ups and during this exercise one of the gendarmes kicked the applicant on his right arm resulting in a fracture to his right arm.

Applicant was left on a roadside near a bush by the gendarmes on September 19, 2010 and he used the telephone of a passerby to call his brother who came and took him to a hospital. On April 9, 2012, a summons was issued against the applicant to report to the gendarmerie on the April 10, 2012. Applicant became fearful for his safety and decided to flee the country.

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Assessment is to refer to the Immigration Judge.