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Ramona Williams v. Muskogee Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

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RAMONA WILLIAMS,	:	Order Docketing and Dismissing
Appellant	:	Appeal
	:	
v.	:	
	:	Docket No. IBIA 94-34-A
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,	:	
Appellee	:	January 4, 1994

Appellant Ramona Williams seeks review of a May 4, 1993, letter from the Self-Governance Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Tahlequah, Oklahoma, concerning her request that her Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood file be retrieved from the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, to which the file had been sent under the terms of a PL 93-638 contract. Appellant previously filed an appeal with the Board concerning the same issue under the provisions of 25 CFR 2.8, which establishes procedures for appealing from the inaction of a BIA official. That appeal was dismissed as premature. 24 IBIA 64 (1993).

Appellant's new notice of appeal does not show that she took any further action in regard to this matter from receipt of the May 4, 1993, letter, until December 20, 1993, the date of her notice of appeal. In particular, nothing indicates that appellant sought review of the decision by the Muskogee Area Director. The Board does not have general review authority over all BIA decisions. Instead, its usual review authority is over decisions issued by BIA Area Directors. See 25 CFR 2.4(e). Because the May 4, 1993, decision was not issued by a BIA official over whom the Board has review authority, the Board lacks jurisdiction over this appeal.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Indian Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 CFR 4.1 and 25 CFR 2.4(e), this appeal from the BIA's May 4, 1993, letter is docketed and dismissed.

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Kathryn A. Lynn
Chief Administrative Judge

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Anita Vogt
Administrative Judge