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Enclosed is a copy of the Board's decision and order in the above-referenced case.

Sincerely,

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In re: RICARDO <u>LOZANO</u>-ALBAREZ

IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS

CERTIFICATION

ON BEHALF OF RESPONDENT: Pro se

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Anthony M. Cacavio

Assistant Chief Counsel

ORDER:

This matter is accepted on certification and, in light of the totality of the circumstances presented, remanded to the Immigration Court for further proceedings. See 8 C.F.R. § 1003.1(c).

The respondent, a native and citizen of Mexico, is subject to removal from the United States as a result of entering this country without inspection by an immigration officer (I.J. at 1-2; Tr. at 16; Exh. 1). See section 212(a)(6)(A)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(6)(A)(i). Nonetheless, we conclude that remanded proceedings are warranted to provide the respondent a reasonable opportunity to secure counsel, at no expense to the Government, and to establish that he warrants relief from removal. See sections 240(c)(4), 292 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. §§ 1229a(c)(4), 1362. We observe that, even though the respondent indicated that he desired to obtain counsel, the Immigration Judge entered an order of removal at the first hearing in this matter, less than 1 month after the respondent was served with the Notice to Appear (Tr. at 33; Exh. 1). See Matter of C-B-, 25 I&N Dec. 888 (BIA 2012). Moreover, it appears that the respondent wishes to voluntarily depart this country in order to eventually return lawfully in the future (Respondent's Br. at 1-2). See section 240B of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1229c. It is unclear whether the respondent understood the consequences of declining to request voluntary departure when he initially appeared before the Immigration Judge (Tr. at 32).

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