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Ms. Williams: You didn't wait too long in the waiting room, did you?

Mr. Gao: No, I didn't. But I almost get stuck in traffic jam!

Ms. Williams: Yes, traffic is always bad downtown, isn't it?

Mr. Gao: Oh, yes.

Ms. Williams: Please come in. Mr. Gao, before we start, you need to swear to tell the truth. Please raise your right hand. Do you swear that everything you will say during this interview will be the truth?

Mr. Gao: Yes, I do.

Ms. Williams: Thank you. You may take a seat. All right, Mr. Gao. Gao. Is . . . is that how you pronounce your last name? Gao?

Mr. Gao: Yes, that's correct.

Ms. Williams: Umm. May I please have your passport, your resident card, and your two photos? Thank you. Let's verify some personal information, Mr. Gao. What is your full legal name?

Mr. Gao: My name is Weimin Gao. My American friends call me Wayne. Wayne Gao.

Ms. Williams: Would you like to legally change your name?

Mr. Gao: Excuse me? Can you repeat the question?

Ms. Williams: Mr. Gao. You are allowed to change your name when you become an American citizen. Do you want to change your name?

Mr. Gao: Change my name? No, I don't want change my name.

Ms. Williams: Are either of your parents U.S. citizens?

Mr. Gao: My parents? No, they're Chinese. But they live here in Florida.

Ms. Williams: Are you still married?

Mr. Gao: Yes. I'm still married.

Ms. Williams: Are you still at the same address?

Mr. Gao: Yes.

Ms. Williams: Can you verify your telephone number please?

Mr. Gao: (305) 555-3786

[START SEGMENT 2]

Ms. Williams: Now let's talk about your residence and employment. How long have you lived at your current address?

Mr. Gao: I been there six year . . . no seven year. We move in March seven year ago.

[END SEGMENT 2]

Mr. Gao: We bought house. Tired of living in small apartment.

Ms. Williams: Yes, having a house is nice. I bought my house two years ago. Can you tell me about your employment, Mr. Gao. Hmm. It looks here like you're self-employed?

Mr. Gao: Yes, I have my own business.

Ms. Williams: That's very good. What kind of business is it?

Mr. Gao: I have a Chinese restaurant. We also serve Cuban food.

Ms. Williams: That's two of my favorite kinds of food. Is this the name of your restaurant? Lotus Gardens? I like that name. Lotus Gardens.

Mr. Gao: Thank you.

Ms. Williams: How long have you had the restaurant, Mr. Gao?

Mr. Gao: I have the restaurant four year now.

Ms. Williams: What did you do before opening the restaurant?

Mr. Gao: I work as a chef at small restaurant, China Garden. I wrote menus. I cooked.

Ms. Williams: How long did you work at that restaurant?

Mr. Gao: I worked six year. Then save up money, get some help to open my own business.

Ms. Williams: That's very good. Now I'll ask you about your time outside of the United States. Do you know how many times you've been outside of the United States in the last five years?

Mr. Gao: Yes, I counted for application. We travel to China to see family, to Europe for vacation. Also to Mexico once.

Ms. Williams: That's nice. How many trips, Mr. Gao?

Mr. Gao: Two time to China, 30 day in 2007 and 2008. To Europe, 7 day. I think it was in 2009. To Mexico last year, 10 day.

Ms. Williams: Let's see . . . It says here you were also in Canada, Mr. Gao?

Mr. Gao: Oh, sorry. Yes, also went to Canada in 2009.

Ms. Williams: Did any of your trips last more than six months, Mr. Gao?

Mr. Gao: Six month? No, no! Very short trips.

Ms. Williams: How many times have you been married, Mr. Gao?

Mr. Gao: Married? One time. One wife only!

Ms. Williams: What is your wife's name, Mr. Gao?

Mr. Gao: Tina. Tina Eng Gao.

Ms. Williams: When did you get married, Mr. Gao?

Mr. Gao: On March 20, 1998.

Ms. Williams: And is your wife an American citizen?

Mr. Gao: Yes, she's American citizen. She born in California. But she's Chinese. Chinese-American.

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Ms. Williams: You could have been a citizen a long time ago. Why did you wait so long to become a U.S. citizen?

Mr. Gao: I wanted to learn to speak English well.

Ms. Williams: Yeah, that's a good idea. You speak very well.

Mr. Gao: Thank you.

Ms. Williams: Does your wife still live with you, Mr. Gao?

Mr. Gao: Yes, she live with me. I mean, not live. She lives with me at the same address.

Ms. Williams: Was your wife ever married before?

Mr. Gao: My wife married before me? My wife never married before me. No.

Ms. Williams: You have one child, Mr. Gao?

Mr. Gao: Have a daughter. Mei Lin. She ten year old.

[START SEGMENT 3]

Ms. Williams: OK, Mr. Gao. Let me ask you a few general questions. Did you ever tell anyone that you were a U.S. citizen?

Mr. Gao: No, I'm not U.S. citizen.

Ms. Williams: Right, but did you ever say that you were a U.S. citizen? Or did you ever write on a form that you were a U.S. citizen?

Mr. Gao: No, I never did.

Ms. Williams: Have you ever voted in elections in the United States?

Mr. Gao: No, only Americans vote.

Ms. Williams: That's right, Mr. Gao. Have you ever failed to file a federal, state, or local tax return?

Mr. Gao: Excuse me. Fail to file means I forgot to pay taxes, doesn't it?

Ms. Williams: Yes. It means you didn't pay taxes.

Mr. Gao: Oh. I understand now. Oh, yes. Pay my taxes! Oh, yes. Good businessman pay taxes to government.

[END SEGMENT 3]

[START SEGMENT 4]

Ms. Williams: Now I'll ask you questions about your affiliations. I see you listed here that you are a member of some restaurant association?

Mr. Gao: That's right.

Ms. Williams: Any other organizations?

Mr. Gao: No.

Ms. Williams: Have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. Gao: No.

Ms. Williams: Have you ever advocated the overthrow of any government?

Mr. Gao: Sorry, I don't understand what overthrow mean. Can you explain?

Ms. Williams: Sure, Mr. Gao. Have you ever supported changing the government by force?

Mr. Gao: Oh, like in revolution. No! Mr. Gao never overflow . . . I mean never overthrow the government!

[END SEGMENT 4]

[START SEGMENT 5]

Ms. Williams: Have you ever committed a crime or offense for which you were not arrested?

Mr. Gao: No, I have not.

Ms. Williams: Have you ever been arrested, cited, or detained?

Mr. Gao: No, I have never been arrested. But detained . . . ? I have never detained. I mean, I have never been detained.

[END SEGMENT 5]

[START SEGMENT 6]

Ms. Williams: Have you ever served in the U.S. military or armed forces?

Mr. Gao: No. No military.

Ms. Williams: You're doing well, Mr. Gao. We're almost finished. Were you living in the United States before your 26th birthday?

Mr. Gao: Yes. I come here when I was twenty-four.

Ms. Williams: So you registered for the Selective Service then?

Mr. Gao: Oh, Selective Service. Yes! It was before you are twenty-six. Yes. I register.

[END SEGMENT 6]

Ms. Williams: Well, Mr. Gao. Now I'll ask you the questions about the oath. You know you will have to take the Oath of Allegiance, don't you, Mr. Gao?

Mr. Gao: Yes, the oath.

[START SEGMENT 7]

Ms. Williams: Do you support the Constitution of the United States?

Mr. Gao: Yes. I support Constitution.

Ms. Williams: Do you understand the Oath of Allegiance?

Mr. Gao: Yes, I do. I've been practicing at home.

[END SEGMENT 7]

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[START SEGMENT 8]

Mr. Gao: I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen;
that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic;
that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same;
that I will bear arms on behalf of United States when required by the law;
that I will perform noncombatant service in Armed Forces of United States when required by the law;
and that I will take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, so help me God.

[END SEGMENT 8]

[START SEGMENT 1]

Ms. Williams: Are you willing to take the Oath of Allegiance, Mr. Gao?

Mr. Gao: Yes, I am.

[END SEGMENT 1]

Ms. Williams: Are you willing to perform noncombatant services for the Armed Forces if the law requires it?

Mr. Gao: Perform noncombatant service? Could you give an example?

Ms. Williams: Yes, Mr. Gao. That is, to do a job for the armed forces that does not require any fighting. For example, to cook for the military during a war.

Mr. Gao: Yes. I would do that.

Ms. Williams: OK, Mr. Gao. I just need you to sign the form here . . . sign here . . . and here . . . and right there . . . OK . . .