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Office: Vermont Service Center

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IN RE: Petitioner:
Beneficiary:



APPLICATION: Petition for Special Immigrant Battered Spouse Pursuant to Section 204(a)(1)(A)(iii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)(A)(iii)

IN BEHALF OF PETITIONER: Self-represented

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This is the decision in your case. All documents have been returned to the office which originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

FOR THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER,
EXAMINATIONS

Robert P. Wiemann
Robert P. Wiemann, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The preference visa petition was denied by the Director, Vermont Service Center, and is now before the Associate Commissioner for Examinations on appeal. The appeal will be rejected, and the case will be remanded for further action.

The petitioner is a native and citizen of the Gambia who is seeking classification as a special immigrant pursuant to section 204(a)(1)(A)(iii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)(A)(iii), as the battered spouse of a United States citizen.

The director determined that the petitioner failed to submit evidence as had been requested to establish that she entered into the marriage to the citizen or lawful permanent resident in good faith pursuant to 8 C.F.R. 204.2(c)(1)(i)(H). The director, therefore, denied the petition.

On appeal, the petitioner states that she did send everything from the good-faith option. She further states that marriage is a sacred union based on her religious belief and she will only marry a man she loves. The petitioner submits additional evidence.

Because the petitioner submitted insufficient evidence to establish that she has met the requirements of 8 C.F.R. 204.2(c)(1)(i)(H), she was requested on June 6, 2001 to submit additional evidence. The director noted that although on August 14, 2001, the petitioner was granted an additional 60 days to submit additional evidence to establish that she married her spouse in good faith and to address the discrepancies noted in the record, no evidence was furnished. The director, therefore, denied the petition on November 7, 2001.

8 C.F.R. 103.2(b)(13) provides that if all requested initial evidence is not submitted by the required date, the application or petition shall be considered abandoned and, accordingly, shall be denied. 8 C.F.R. 103.2(b)(15) provides that a denial due to abandonment may not be appealed, but an applicant or petitioner may file a motion to reopen under 8 C.F.R. 103.5.

An appeal was subsequently filed by the petitioner. However, there is no appeal of the director's decision in the present case. The appeal will, therefore, be rejected. The applicant, however, has submitted additional documents for the record. Therefore, the case will be remanded to the director so that he may reopen the matter on a Service motion, and to adjudicate the petition supported by the documentation. The director shall enter a new decision which, if adverse to the applicant, is to be certified to the Associate Commissioner, Examinations, for review.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected. The case is remanded for appropriate action consistent with the above discussion and entry of a new decision.