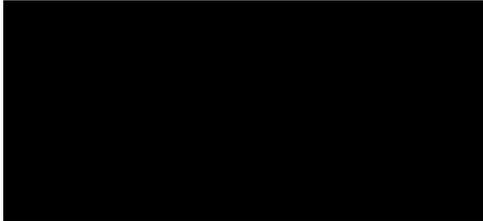


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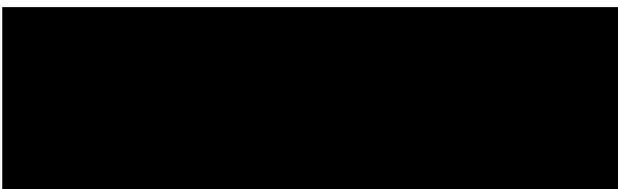
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Applicant:



APPLICATION: Application for Status as a Temporary Resident pursuant to Section 245A of the  
Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, 8 U.S.C. § 1255a

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:



INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All documents have been returned  
to the office that decided and certified your case.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert P. Wiemann".

Robert P. Wiemann, Director  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The application for temporary resident status (legalization) was originally denied by the Director, Western Regional Processing Facility. An appeal of that decision was dismissed by the Director, Legalization Appeals Unit.

The Director, Nebraska Service Center granted a motion to reopen that was recently filed by the applicant pursuant to a class action lawsuit entitled *Proyecto San Pablo v. INS*, No. Civ 89-456-TUC-WDB (D. Ariz.). The decision in that case allows an alien whose application was denied because he had been outside of the United States after January 1, 1982 under an order of deportation to have his application reopened. The application for temporary residence was then denied by the Director, Nebraska Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on certification. The decision will be affirmed.

The applicant was deported on October 30, 1985. Both directors noted the applicant was outside of the United States under an order of deportation after January 1, 1982, and therefore did not reside continuously in the United States since such date.

Neither the applicant nor counsel has contested the fact of the deportation. The applicant's only response to the certified denial was a request for additional time in which to file a brief. The request was granted. He has now requested additional time, explaining that he is pursuing permanent resident status through another means. The request for additional time in this matter to pursue lawful status in another matter is denied.

An applicant for temporary residence must establish entry into the United States before January 1, 1982, and continuous residence in the United States in an unlawful status since such date and through the date the application is filed. Section 245A(a)(2) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1255a(a)(2). An alien shall not be considered to have resided continuously in the United States, if, during any period for which continuous residence is required, the alien was outside of the United States under an order of deportation. Section 245A(g)(2)(B)(i) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1255(g)(2)(b)(i).

Because of the deportation, the applicant did not reside continuously in the United States for the requisite period. As a result, he is statutorily ineligible for temporary residence.

Relief is provided in the Act for absences based on factors other than deportation, specifically absences that were prolonged due to emergencies and absences approved under the advance parole provisions. Clearly, with respect to maintenance of continuous residence, it was not congressional intent to provide relief for absences under an order of deportation.

General grounds of inadmissibility, set forth in section 212(a) of the Act, apply to any alien seeking a visa or admission into the United States, or adjustment of status. The applicant is inadmissible under section 212(a)(9)(A)(ii)(II) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(9)(A)(ii)(II), for having been deported and having returned to the United States without authorization. He is also inadmissible under section 212(a)(6)(C)(1) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(6)(C)(1), for having attempted to acquire a benefit by misrepresentation, as he

falsely claimed on his 1987 temporary residence application to have no prior record with the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Such inadmissibility may be waived. However, an alien's inadmissibility under section 212(a) of the Act is a separate issue from the continuous residence issue discussed above. While the applicant's failure to maintain continuous residence and his inadmissibility for having been deported and having returned without authorization both stem from the deportation, a waiver exists only for the inadmissibility.

The question has arisen as to why, if the above interpretation is correct, the law would allow for a waiver of inadmissibility in the case of a deported alien while providing no waiver for a lack of continuous residence, also based on a deportation. It is noted that not all aliens who were deported in the past fail to meet the continuous residence requirement. For example, an alien who was deported in 1978 and reentered the United States before January 1, 1982 would be inadmissible because of the deportation and yet would not be ineligible for legalization on the continuous residence issue.

In summary, the applicant was out of the United States after January 1, 1982 under an order of deportation, and cannot be granted temporary residence for two reasons. He failed to maintain continuous residence, and there is no waiver available. Therefore, he is ineligible for temporary residence. Secondly, he is inadmissible as an alien who was deported and returned without permission, and who later attempted to acquire a benefit by misrepresentation. Although those grounds of inadmissibility may be waived, the applicant did not file a waiver application.

The applicant was deported, and therefore did not maintain continuous residence as required by section 245A(a)(2) of the Act. He remains ineligible for temporary residence.

**ORDER:** The director's decision is affirmed. This decision constitutes a final notice of ineligibility for temporary residence.