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IN RE: Applicant: [REDACTED]

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: SELF-REPRESENTED

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. The file has been returned to the office that originally decided your case. If your appeal was sustained, or if your case was remanded for further action, you will be contacted. If your appeal was dismissed, you no longer have a case pending before this office, and you are not entitled to file a motion to reopen or reconsider your case.

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application for Temporary Resident Status was denied by the Director of the Cleveland, Ohio District Office and that decision is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The director denied the application because he determined that the applicant did not establish, by a preponderance of the evidence, that she maintained continuous residence in the United States from January 1, 1982 to a period of time between May 5, 1987 and May 4, 1988. Specifically, the director noted in his Notice of Decision that when the applicant was interviewed by a Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) officer on June 20, 2006 she testified under oath that she left the United States in 1984 and did not return until 2000. It is noted here that an applicant for Temporary Resident Status 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 applicant attempted to file for legalization during the original filing period, which was from May 5, 1987 to May 4, 1988. Section 245A(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1255a(a)(2). Here, the director found that the applicant failed to establish that she had maintained continuous residence in the United States for the duration of that period.

An adverse decision regarding Temporary Resident Status may be appealed to the Administrative Appeals Office. Any appeal with the required fee shall be filed with the Service Center within thirty (30) days after service of the notice of denial. An appeal received after the thirty-day period has tolled will not be accepted. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 245a.2(p). Pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 103.5a(b), whenever a person has the right or is required to do some act within a prescribed period after the service of notice upon him and the notice is served by mail, three days shall be added to the prescribed period. Service by mail is complete upon mailing. If the last day of the period so computed falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday, the period shall run until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, nor a legal holiday. 8 C.F.R. § 1.1(h).

The director issued his decision on April 11, 2006, and mailed it to the applicant's address of record. The applicant's appeal was received Tuesday, May 16, 2006, thirty-five (35) days after the notice of decision was issued. The appeal was untimely filed and therefore it must be rejected.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.