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FILE: [REDACTED] MSC 05 032 10108

Office: Boston

Date: SEP 27 2007

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:

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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.

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

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application for temporary resident status pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreements reached in *Catholic Social Services, Inc., et al., v. Ridge, et al.*, CIV. NO. S-86-1343-LKK (E.D. Cal) January 23, 2004, and *Felicity Mary Newman, et al., v. United States Immigration and Citizenship Services, et al.*, CIV. NO. 87-4757-WDK (C.D. Cal) February 17, 2004, (CSS/Newman Settlement Agreements) was denied by the District Director, Boston, Massachusetts, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The director determined that the applicant had not demonstrated that he had continuously resided in the United States in an unlawful status since before January 1, 1982 through the date that he attempted to file a Form I-687, Application for Status as a Temporary Resident, with the Immigration and Naturalization Service or the Service (now Citizenship and Immigration Services or CIS) in the original legalization application period between May 5, 1987 to May 4, 1988. Therefore, the district director concluded that the applicant was not eligible to adjust to temporary resident status pursuant to the terms of the CSS/Newman Settlement Agreements and denied the application.

An adverse decision on an application for temporary resident status may be appealed to the AAO. Any appeal with the required fee shall be filed with the Service Center or district office issuing such decision within thirty (30) days after service of the notice of decision in accordance with the procedures of 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a). An appeal received after the 30-day period has tolled will not be accepted. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 245a.2(p). 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. 8 C.F.R. § 103.5a(b).

The district director issued the notice of decision on March 3, 2006, and mailed a copy of the notice to both the applicant and counsel at each of their respective addresses of record. The record shows that the notice that had been mailed to counsel was not returned by the United States Postal Service as either unclaimed or undeliverable. Further, the record contains a signed postal return receipt acknowledging receipt of the notice at the applicant's address of record. While the Form I-694, Notice of Appeal, was initially submitted on April 3, 2006, the applicant failed to sign and complete the bottom portion of the appeal Form I-694. The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(1) provides, in part, that "[e]very application, petition, appeal, motion, request ... shall be executed and filed in accordance with the instructions on the form, such instructions ... being hereby incorporated into the particular section of the regulations in this chapter requiring its submission." *See* 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(7)(i). The bottom portion of the appeal Form I-694 requires the name, address, and signature of the appellant on the form when the decision is appealed. The properly completed appeal Form I-694 was subsequently filed on May 22, 2006, eighty days after the notice of decision had been issued. Therefore, the appeal was untimely filed and must be rejected.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.