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FILE: [Redacted]
MSC-04-269-10006

Office: LOS ANGELES

Date: **SEP 18 2008**

IN RE: Applicant: [Redacted]

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

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:

[Redacted]

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. If your appeal was dismissed or rejected, all documents have been returned to the National Benefits Center. 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 District Director, Los Angeles, denied the application for temporary resident status made 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). The decision is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected as untimely filed.

The director denied the application because the applicant failed to meet his burden of establishing by a preponderance of the evidence that he had continuously resided in the United States throughout the requisite period.

An adverse decision on an application for temporary resident status may be appealed to the AAO; the appeal with the required fee must be filed within 30 days after service of the notice of denial. 8 C.F.R. § 245a.2(p). The date of filing is not the date of mailing, but the date of actual receipt. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(7)(i). An appeal that is not timely filed will not be accepted. 8 C.F.R. § 245a.2(p).

In this case, the director issued the notice of denial on January 11, 2007 and mailed it to the applicant's address of record. The appeal was received on February 14, 2007, 34 days later. Therefore, the appeal was untimely filed and must be rejected.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.