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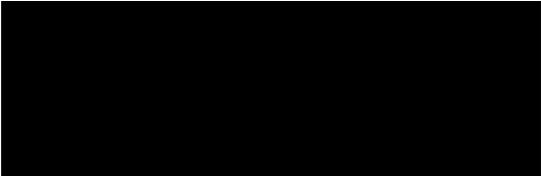


FILE: [REDACTED] Office: VERMONT SERVICE CENTER Date: DEC 14 2004

IN RE: Applicant: [REDACTED]

APPLICATION: Application for Temporary Protected Status under Section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1254

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 originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.


Robert P. Wiemann, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application was denied by the Acting Director, Vermont Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The case will be remanded.

The applicant is stated to be a native and citizen of El Salvador who is seeking Temporary Protected Status (TPS) under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1254.

The acting director denied the application because the applicant failed to overcome the grounds for denial. The acting director did not state the specific reason for the denial in her decision. Under 8 C.F.R. § 103.3, “ the officer shall explain in writing the specific reasons for denial.”

The case is remanded for the issuance of a new decision that sets forth the specific reasons for the denial.

An alien applying for temporary protected status has the burden of proving that he or she meets the requirements and is otherwise eligible under the provisions of section 244 of the Act.

ORDER: The acting director’s decision is withdrawn. The case is remanded to the director for entry of a new decision.