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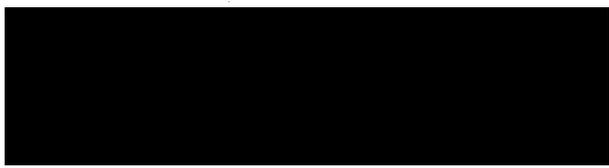
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Office: NEBRASKA SERVICE CENTER

Date: **MAY 24 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: Self-represented

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 Director, Nebraska Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The applicant is 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 director determined that the applicant failed to establish that he has maintained continuous residence in the United States since February 13, 2001, and continuous physical presence since March 9, 2001. The director, therefore, denied the application.

On appeal, the applicant submits additional evidence. He indicates that he is sending a brief and/or evidence within 30 days; however, to date, no additional statement or evidence has been provided.

8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2) states, in pertinent part, that the affected party shall file an appeal, with fee, including any supporting brief with the office where the unfavorable decision was made within 30 days after service of the decision.

8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(B)(1) states, in part:

An appeal which is not filed within the time allowed must be rejected as improperly filed. In such a case, any filing fee the Service has accepted will not be refunded.

Additionally, 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(B)(2) states, in part:

If an untimely appeal meets the requirements of a motion to reopen as described in § 103.5(a)(2) of this part or a motion to reconsider as described in § 103.5(a)(3) of this part, the appeal must be treated as a motion, and a decision must be made on the merits of the case.

The applicant's statement, on appeal, does not meet the requirements of a motion.

8 C.F.R. § 103.5a(b) states, in part, that whenever a person has the right or is required to do some act within a prescribed period after the service of a 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.

The record reflects that the director denied the application on December 2, 2002. The applicant was advised that he could file an appeal, along with the required fee and any supporting brief, within 30 days of the service of the decision. On January 6, 2003, 35 days after the issuance of the director's decision, the appeal was received at the Nebraska Service Center, the office where the unfavorable decision was made.

Based on the applicant's failure to file a timely appeal, the appeal will be rejected.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.