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FILE: [Redacted] Office: Vermont Service Center Date: SEP 27 2009

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.

*for*   
Robert P. Wiemann, Director  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The application was denied by the Director, Vermont Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The case will be remanded for further consideration and action.

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 applicant failed to respond to the director's request for evidence in order to establish his eligibility for TPS. Therefore, the director denied the application due to abandonment.

The applicant filed an appeal and that appeal is now before the AAO.

It is noted that this decision would not ordinarily be before the AAO. Since the application was denied due to abandonment, there was no appeal available. However, on March 11, 2004, the director requested that the case be remanded to the VSC. Accordingly, without addressing the merits of the case, the appeal will be remanded to the director for further processing in accordance with his request.

It is noted that the applicant was arrested and charged on January 27, 1998, at Harlingen, Texas, for deportation proceedings. Also, it appears the applicant has another file under [REDACTED]

As always in these proceedings, the burden of proof rests solely with the applicant. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1361.

**ORDER:** The director's decision is withdrawn. The case is remanded to the director for further consideration and action.