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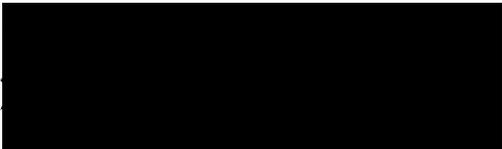
Office: VERMONT SERVICE CENTER

Date: **AUG 16 2005**

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.


for Robert P. Wiemann, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application was denied by the Director, Vermont Service Center (VSC), and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) 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 director considered the application abandoned, as the applicant failed to appear for fingerprinting in accordance with 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a) and (b)(9), and denied the application on June 18, 2003.

Counsel filed an appeal on July 21, 2003, and that appeal is now before the AAO.

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 the request.

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 case is remanded to the director for further consideration and action.