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FILE: [REDACTED] Office: VERMONT SERVICE CENTER Date: FEB 02 2005
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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.

Cindy M. Gomez 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.

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.

When an officer denies an application, "the officer shall explain in writing the specific reasons for denial." 8 C.F.R. § 103.3.

The director denied the application on August 13, 2003; however, the director's decision does not clearly indicate the specific basis for the decision. Therefore, the director's decision will be withdrawn and the case will be remanded for the issuance of a new decision that sets forth the specific reasons for the denial.

It is noted that although the applicant submitted an appeal on August 25, 2003, he had previously submitted a letter requesting that he be permitted to withdraw his TPS application because "I will no longer be a resident of the United States." This letter was received on July 14, 2003; however, the service center director did not address this in his decision.

As always in these proceedings, the burden of proof remains solely on 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ORDER: The director's decision is withdrawn.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 entry of a new decision.