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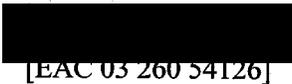
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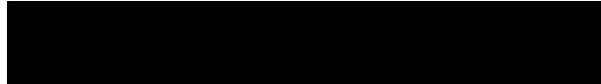
Office: VERMONT SERVICE CENTER

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IN RE:

Applicant:



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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert P. Wiemann".

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 The director's decision will be withdrawn, and the case will be remanded.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.

Pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(i), when an officer [of Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS), formerly, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS)] denies an application, the officer "shall explain in writing the specific reasons for denial."

The director denied the application on January 26, 2004. The director's decision does not indicate the specific basis for the decision. Therefore, the case will be remanded for the issuance of a new decision that sets forth the specific reasons for denial of the application.

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.