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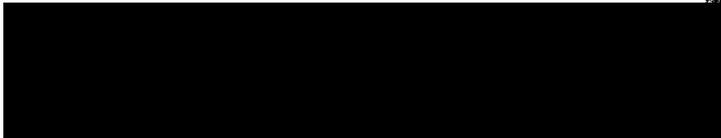
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FILE: [REDACTED] Office: Vermont Service Center Date:
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IN RE: Applicant: [REDACTED]

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 N. 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.

The record reveals that the applicant filed her application on October 19, 2002. On July 2, 2003, the applicant was requested to submit evidence establishing her eligibility for TPS late registration. The applicant was also requested to submit evidence establishing her qualifying continuous residence and continuous physical presence in the United States. The record does not contain a response from the applicant; therefore, the director denied the application on August 27, 2003.

Under 8 C.F.R. § 103.3, "the officer shall explain in writing the specific reasons for denial." The director stated in his decision that the applicant had failed to respond to a request for evidence, and that the grounds for denial had not been overcome. However, while the director's decision states: "your application is denied", the specific reason for the denial is not indicated. It is noted that the director did not deny the application for abandonment.

The case is remanded for the issuance of a new decision that sets forth the specific reasons for the denial.

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 entry of a new decision.