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Office: VERMONT SERVICE CENTER

Date: OCT 31 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: 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 (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 determined that the applicant failed to establish he had: 1) continuously resided in the United States since February 13, 2001; and 2) been continuously physically present in the United States since March 9, 2001. The director, therefore, denied the application.

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

On February 26, 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, however, that the evidence presented on appeal does not appear to establish the applicant's continuous residence since February 13, 2001, and his continuous physical presence in the United States from March 9, 2001 to the filing date of the TPS 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**ORDER:** The director's decision is withdrawn. The case is remanded to the director for further consideration and action.