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FILE: [REDACTED]
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Office: VERMONT SERVICE CENTER

Date: SEP 23 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.

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

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 had failed to establish he was eligible for filing his TPS application after the initial registration period from March 9, 2001 through September 9, 2002. Therefore, the director denied the application.

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

On May 6, 2004, the director requested that the case be remanded to the VSC. The director stated that the application was denied because the applicant failed to appear for his scheduled fingerprint appointments. As noted above, however, the application was denied due to the applicant's failure to establish his eligibility for late initial registration. Accordingly, without addressing the merits of the case, the appeal will be remanded to the director for further processing in accordance with his 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ORDER: The director's decision is withdrawn. The case is remanded to the director for further consideration and action.