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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

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application was denied by the Director, California Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The case will be remanded to the director for further action.

The applicant is a native and citizen of Honduras who is seeking Temporary Protected Status (TPS) under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1254.

The applicant filed his initial Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status, on December 21, 2005, and indicated that this was his "first application to register for Temporary Protected Status (TPS)." The director treated the application as a re-registration application and determined that because the applicant's initial TPS application had been denied, the applicant was not eligible to apply for re-registration for TPS. The director, therefore, denied the application on July 23, 2005.

The applicant indicated that this was his initial TPS application; however, the director erroneously treated the application as a re-registration for TPS. Accordingly, the decision of the director to deny the application based on re-registration will be withdrawn, and the case will be remanded for a new decision.

It is noted that documents contained in the record of proceeding are insufficient to establish that the applicant has met the criteria for continuous residence since December 30, 1998, and continuous physical presence since January 5, 1999, as described in 8 C.F.R. § 244.2(b) and (c).

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 to the director for further action consistent with the above.