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FILE:

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Office: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER

Date:

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[SRC 99 214 50669]

[WAC 05 099 77478]

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 California Service Center. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The initial application was denied by the Director, Texas Service Center. A subsequent application for re-registration was denied by the Director, California Service Center, and is currently before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The initial application will be reopened, *sua sponte*, by the Chief, Administrative Appeals Office, and the case will be remanded for further consideration and action.

The applicant is a 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 an initial application for TPS under receipt number SRC 99 214 50669. That application was denied on August 19, 2003. However, the record of proceedings reveals that the director's decision was in error. Specifically, the record reveals that the director failed to indicate the specific basis of the decision.

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The director's denial of the initial application will be withdrawn; the application will be remanded for a new decision. The director's denial of the application for re-registration or renewal is dependent upon the adjudication of the initial application. Since the initial application is being remanded, that decision will be remanded to the director for further adjudication. The director may request any evidence deemed necessary to assist with the determination of the applicant's eligibility for TPS offered to Salvadorans.

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 initial application is reopened, the director's decision is withdrawn, and the application is remanded for a new decision. The re-registration application is remanded for further action consistent with the director's new decision on the initial application.