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FILE: [redacted] Office: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER Date: SEP 06 2006
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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 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, Vermont 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, AAO, and the case will be remanded for further consideration and action.

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 applicant filed an initial application for TPS under receipt number EAC 01 177 53382. The director denied the initial application on May 24, 2002, because the applicant had abandoned his application by failing to appear for fingerprinting.

The applicant filed the current Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status, on January 19, 2005, and indicated that he was re-registering for TPS.

In this case, the applicant has not previously been granted TPS because he had not appeared for fingerprinting. However, the record reveals that his fingerprint processing completed on March 23, 2005, disclosed no disqualifying information.

The director's denial of the initial application will be withdrawn; the application will be remanded for a new decision. The director's denial of the application for re-registration is also withdrawn as it is dependent upon the adjudication of the initial application. The director may request any evidence deemed necessary to assist with the determination of the applicant's eligibility for TPS.

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ORDER: The initial application is reopened, the director's decision is withdrawn, and the application is remanded for a new decision.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.