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Office: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER

Date: DEC 13 2007

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IN RE:

Applicant:

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APPLICATION:

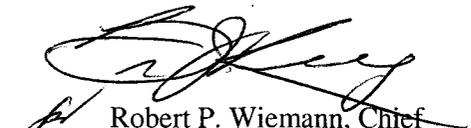
Application for Temporary Protected Status under Section 244 of the Immigration
and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1254

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:

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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. The initial application will be reopened, *sua sponte*, by the Chief, Administrative Appeals Office, and the application will be approved. 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 appeal will be sustained and the application will be approved.

The applicant is a 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 01 197 53949. The Director, Vermont Service Center, denied the initial application on May 1, 2003, after determining that the applicant had abandoned her application by not responding to the request for evidence.

However, the record reveals that the applicant subsequently submitted sufficient documentation to establish her citizenship or nationality, continuous residence, and continuous physical presence in the United States. It is noted that the applicant submitted as evidence a copy of her El Salvadoran passport, medical records, and two birth certificates that demonstrate her presence in the United States during the requisite time periods.

Since the applicant appears to have overcome the grounds for the denial of her initial application for TPS, that decision has been withdrawn. The record of proceedings contains sufficient evidence to establish the applicant's eligibility for TPS and does not reflect any other grounds that would bar the applicant from receiving TPS. Therefore, the initial application will be approved.

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 approved, the appeal from the denial of the re-registration will be sustained and that application will also be approved.

ORDER: The application is reopened and the director's denial of the initial application is withdrawn. The initial application and the re-registration application are both approved.