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FILE: [redacted] Office: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER Date: OCT 29 2004

IN RE: Petitioner: [redacted]
Beneficiary:

PETITION: Immigrant Petition for Special Immigrant Religious Worker Pursuant to Section 203(b)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(4), as described at Section 101(a)(27)(C) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(27)(C)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:

SELF-REPRESENTED

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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.

Mari Johnson

Robert P. Wiemann, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The employment-based immigrant visa petition was denied by the Director, California Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be summarily dismissed.

The petitioner is a church. It seeks to classify the beneficiary as a special immigrant religious worker pursuant to section 203(b)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(4), to perform services as a pianist, worship leader, and in other capacities. The director determined that the petitioner had not established that the beneficiary works in a qualifying religious occupation, that the beneficiary had the requisite two years of continuous work experience in the occupation immediately preceding the filing date of the petition, or that the petitioner possesses the necessary tax exemption as a religious organization.

8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(v) states, in pertinent part, "[a]n officer to whom an appeal is taken shall summarily dismiss any appeal when the party concerned fails to identify specifically any erroneous conclusion of law or statement of fact for the appeal."

On the Form I-290B Notice of Appeal, filed on October 31, 2003, the petitioner indicated that a brief would be forthcoming within thirty days. To date, nearly a year later, careful review of the record reveals no subsequent submission; all other documentation in the record predates the issuance of the notice of decision. The petitioner makes no statement on appeal except to state that the future submission "may, and hopefully will, change the decision to a favorable one." The petitioner makes no substantive claims on appeal.

Inasmuch as the petitioner has failed to identify specifically an erroneous conclusion of law or a statement of fact as a basis for the appeal, the regulations mandate the summary dismissal of the appeal.

**ORDER:** The appeal is dismissed.