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FILE: [redacted] Office: Texas Service Center Date: MAR 03 2004

IN RE: Applicant: [redacted]

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

IN BEHALF OF APPLICANT: Self-represented

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision 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 for

Robert P. Wiemann, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application was denied by the Director, Texas Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

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 director determined that the evidence furnished by the applicant did not contain all of the requested information. She further determined that the applicant failed to submit evidence, as had been requested, to establish that she was eligible for filing after the initial registration period from January 5, 1999 to August 20, 1999. The director, therefore, denied the application.

On appeal, the applicant states that she would like to be given the opportunity to gather more information. While the applicant indicates that a brief and/or evidence will be furnished within 30 days, to date, no additional statement or evidence has been provided. Therefore, the record shall be considered complete.

8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2) states, in pertinent part, that the affected party shall file an appeal, with fee, including any supporting brief with the office where the unfavorable decision was made within 30 days after service of the decision.

8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(B)(1) states, in part:

> An appeal which is not filed within the time allowed must be rejected as improperly filed. In such a case, any filing fee the Service has accepted will not be refunded.

Additionally, 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(B)(2) states, in part:

> If an untimely appeal meets the requirements of a motion to reopen as described in § 103.5(a)(2) of this part or a motion to reconsider as described in § 103.5(a)(3) of this part, the appeal must be treated as a motion, and a decision must be made on the merits of the case.

The applicant's statement, on appeal, does not meet the requirements of a motion.

Whenever a person has the right or is required to do some act within a prescribed period after the service of a notice upon him and the notice is served by mail, three days shall be added to the prescribed period. Service my mail is complete upon mailing. 8 C.F.R. § 103.5a(b).

The record reflects that the director denied the application on November 13, 2002. The applicant was advised that she may file an appeal, along with the required fee and any supporting brief, within 30 days of the date of the decision. On December 26, 2002, approximately 43 days after the director's decision, the appeal was received, with fee, at the Texas Service Center, the office where the unfavorable decision was made.

Based on the applicant's failure to file a timely appeal, the appeal will be rejected.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.