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APPLICATION:

Application for Permission to Reapply for Admission into the United States after
Deportation or Removal under Section 212(a)(9)(A) of the Immigration and
Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(9)(A).

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 office that originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

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John F. Grissom
Acting Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application for permission to reapply for admission after removal was denied by the District Director, Mexico City, Mexico, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The applicant is a native and a citizen of Colombia who was issued an order of expedited removal on February 12, 2000 and removed from the United States on February 13, 2000.¹ The applicant was subsequently ordered expeditiously removed on March 3, 2005 and departed the United States thereafter. The applicant now seeks permission to reapply for admission into the United States under section 212(a)(9)(A)(iii) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(9)(A)(iii) in order to reside in the United States.

The district director determined that the applicant had failed to establish extreme hardship to a qualifying relative or that he merited a favorable exercise of discretion and denied the Form I-212, Application for Permission to Reapply for Admission After Deportation or Removal, accordingly. *District Director's Decision*, at 3, dated July 5, 2006.²

On appeal, the applicant's spouse details the hardship that she is experiencing without the applicant. *Form I-290B*, at 2.

Section 212(a)(9)(A) of the Act provides, in pertinent part:

(A) Certain alien previously removed.-

(i) Arriving aliens.- Any alien who has been ordered removed under section 235(b)(1) or at the end of proceedings under section 240 initiated upon the alien's arrival in the United States and who again seeks admission within 5 years of the dated of such removal (or within 20 years in the case of a second or subsequent removal...) . . . is inadmissible.

(iii) Exception.- Clauses (i) and (ii) shall not apply to an alien seeking admission within a period if, prior to the date of the aliens' reembarkation at a place outside the United States or attempt to be admitted from foreign continuous territory, the Attorney General [now, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security] has consented to the aliens' reapplying for admission.

The AAO has, in a separate decision, dismissed the applicant's appeal of the denial of the Form I-601, which the applicant filed in relation to his inadmissibility for willful misrepresentation under section 212(a)(6)(C)(i) of the Act. When an inadmissible alien files both the Form I-601 and the Form I-212, the *Adjudicator's Field Manual* provides the following guidance:

¹ The AAO notes that the applicant was not ordered removed in relation to his November 5, 1996 attempted entry into the United States, rather he withdrew his application for admission on that date.

² The AAO notes that a finding of extreme hardship is not required in order to approve an I-212 waiver.

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43.2 Adjudication Processes:

(d) Of course, an alien might be applying for both consent to reapply and a waiver of inadmissibility, provided the particular ground(s) of inadmissibility applying to the alien are waivable. If the alien has filed both applications (Forms I-212 and I-601), adjudicate the waiver application first. If the Form I-601 waiver is approved, then consider the Form I-212 on its merits; if the Form I-601 is denied (and the decision is final), deny the Form I-212 since its approval would serve no purpose. .

In that the AAO has determined that the applicant is not eligible for a waiver of inadmissibility under section 212(i) of the Act and has dismissed his appeal of the Form I-601 denial, no purpose would be served in granting his application for permission to reapply for admission. Accordingly, the appeal of the district director's denial of the Form I-212 is dismissed as a matter of discretion.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed.