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IN RE: Applicant: [REDACTED]

APPLICATION: Application for Status as a Temporary Resident pursuant to Section 245A of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, 8 U.S.C. § 1255a.

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:
[REDACTED]

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. If your appeal was sustained, or if the matter was remanded for further action, you will be contacted. If your appeal was dismissed, you no longer have a case pending before this office, and you are not entitled to file a motion to reopen or reconsider your case.

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application for temporary resident status pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreements reached in *Catholic Social Services, Inc., et al., v. Ridge, et al.*, CIV. NO. S-86-1343-LKK (E.D. Cal) January 23, 2004, and *Felicity Mary Newman, et al., v. United States Immigration and Citizenship Services, et al.*, CIV. NO. 87-4757-WDK (C.D. Cal) February 17, 2004, (CSS/Newman Settlement Agreements) was denied by the District Director, Newark, New Jersey, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. This matter will be rejected.

The director determined that the applicant had not demonstrated that he had continuously resided in the United States in an unlawful status since before January 1, 1982 through the date that he attempted to file a Form I-687, Application for Status as a Temporary Resident, with the Immigration and Naturalization Service or the Service (now Citizenship and Immigration Services or CIS) in the original legalization application period between May 5, 1987 to May 4, 1988. Therefore, the director concluded that the applicant was not eligible to adjust to temporary resident status pursuant to the terms of the CSS/Newman Settlement Agreements and denied the application.

An adverse decision on an application for adjustment to permanent resident status may be appealed to the AAO. Any appeal shall be submitted to the district office with the required fee within thirty (30) days after service of the notice of denial. An appeal received after the thirty-day period has tolled will not be accepted. The thirty-day period for submitting an appeal begins three days after the notice of denial is mailed. 8 C.F.R. § 245a.3(j).

The director issued the Notice of Denial on December 12, 2006 and mailed it to the applicant and counsel at their addresses of record. The appeal was received on January 17, 2007, 36 days after the director issued his decision. Therefore, the appeal was untimely filed, and must be rejected.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.