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FILE: [REDACTED]
MSC-05-230-13621

Office: PORTLAND, OREGON

Date: **SEP 07 2007**

IN RE: Applicant: [REDACTED]

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

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. If your appeal was sustained, or if your case 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert P. Wiemann".

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application for temporary resident status was denied by the Director, Portland, Oregon District Office, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The director denied the application because he found that the applicant did not reside continuously in the United States during the required statutory period. Specifically, the applicant stated in his interview with an immigration officer that he entered the United States in 1982, and that he was absent for a total of 16 months during the requisite period.

An adverse decision on an application for temporary resident status may be appealed to the Administrative Appeals Office. Any appeal with the required fee shall be filed with the Service Center within thirty (30) days after service of the notice of denial or termination. An appeal received after the thirty-day period has tolled will not be accepted. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 245a.2(p). 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 by mail is complete upon mailing. 8 C.F.R. § 103.5a(b).

The record reflects that the director sent his decision of June 13, 2006 to the applicant at his address of record.

The Form I-694 appeal was initially submitted on July 14, 2006, either with the incorrect check amount or without a check, and without the form having been completed properly. As a result, the appeal was rejected. The appeal was properly submitted on July 26, 2006, 43 days after the director's decision. Therefore, the appeal was untimely filed, and must be rejected.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected as untimely filed.