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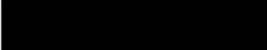
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FILE:



Office: CHICAGO

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IN RE:

Applicant:



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 on your appeal. You no longer have a case pending before this office. If your appeal was sustained or the matter was remanded for further action, your file has been returned to the office that originally decided your case, and you will be contacted. If your appeal was dismissed or rejected, your file has been sent to the National Benefits Center. You are not entitled to file a motion to reopen or reconsider your case.

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief
Administrative Appeals Office



DISCUSSION: The Field Office Director, Chicago, Illinois, denied the application for temporary resident status made 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). The decision is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected as untimely filed.

The director denied the application because the applicant failed to establish that he had resided unlawfully and was continuously present in the United States for the requisite periods.¹

An adverse decision on an application for temporary resident status may be appealed to the AAO; the appeal with the required fee must be filed within 30 days after service of the notice of denial. 8 C.F.R. § 245a.2(p). If the decision, or notice of denial, was mailed, the applicant is afforded an additional three days, and the appeal must be filed within 33 days. See 8 C.F.R. § 103.5a(b). The date of filing is not the date of mailing, but the date of actual receipt. See 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(a)(7)(i). An appeal that is not timely filed will not be accepted. 8 C.F.R. § 245a.2(p).

In this case, the director issued the notice of denial on June 12, 2007 and mailed it to the applicant's address of record. The appeal was received on July 26, 2007, 45 days later. Therefore, the appeal was untimely filed and must be rejected.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.

¹ The director also purported to deny the application based on the applicant's failure to demonstrate CSS/Newman class membership. However, the director adjudicated the Form I-687 application on the merits and consequently is found not to have denied the application for class membership.