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IN RE: Applicant:

APPLICATION:

Application for Status as a Permanent Resident pursuant to Section 1104 of the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-553, 114 Stat. 2762 (2000), *amended by* LIFE Act Amendments, Pub. L. 106-554, 114 Stat. 2763 (2000).

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. The file has been returned to the National Benefits Center. 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Grissom".

John F. Grissom, Acting Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application for permanent resident status under the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act was denied by the Director, New York, New York. It is now on appeal before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO). The appeal will be summarily dismissed.

An applicant for permanent resident status under section 1104 of the LIFE Act has the burden to establish by a preponderance of the evidence that he or she has resided in the United States for the requisite periods, is admissible to the United States and is otherwise eligible for adjustment of status under this section. The inference to be drawn from the documentation provided shall depend on the extent of the documentation, its credibility and amenability to verification. 8 C.F.R. § 245a.12(e).

The applicant filed a Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Resident or Adjust Status, on April 21, 2003. The director denied the application on July 31, 2007, because the applicant failed to demonstrate that he entered the United States before January 1, 1982, and resided in a continuous unlawful status from then through May 4, 1988.

On appeal, the applicant provides a statement asserting that he has not maintained evidence of his residence in the United States since his entry without inspection in March 1981, but has provided genuine affidavits from acquaintances. He also asserts that if he were to return to his home country, Bangladesh, he and his family would die of starvation.

As stated in 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(3)(iv), any appeal filed that fails to state the reason for appeal, or is patently frivolous, will be summarily dismissed. The applicant's general statements on appeal, without specifically identifying any errors on the part of the director, are insufficient to overcome the well-founded and logical conclusions the director reached based on the evidence submitted.

The applicant has failed to address the reasons stated for denial and has not provided any new evidence on appeal. The appeal must therefore be summarily dismissed.

As always in these proceedings, the burden of proof rests solely with the applicant. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1361.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed. This decision constitutes a final notice of ineligibility.