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IN RE: Petitioner: 

PETITION: Petition for Immigrant Abused Child Pursuant to Section 204(a)(1)(A)(iv) of the
Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1154(a)(1)(A)(iv)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:

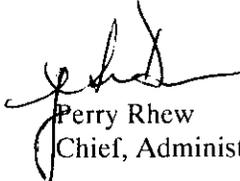
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INSTRUCTIONS:

Enclosed please find the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All of the documents related to this matter have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Please be advised that any further inquiry that you might have concerning your case must be made to that office.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied by us in reaching our decision, or you have additional information that you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reconsider or a motion to reopen. The specific requirements for filing such a request can be found at 8 C.F.R. § 103.5. All motions must be submitted to the office that originally decided your case by filing a Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion, with a fee of \$630. Please be aware that 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i) requires that any motion must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider or reopen.

Thank you,



Perry Rhew
Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The Director, Vermont Service Center, denied the immigrant visa petition. The matter is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be summarily dismissed. The petition will remain denied.

The petitioner is a native and citizen of the United Kingdom who is seeking classification pursuant to section 204(a)(1)(A)(iv) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1154(a)(1)(A)(iv), as the abused child of a United States citizen.

The director denied the petition determining that the petitioner had not established that she had resided with the United States citizen stepfather or that she had been subjected to battery or extreme cruelty perpetrated by the United States citizen stepfather.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. §103.3(a)(1)(v) states, in pertinent part:

An officer to whom an appeal is taken shall summarily dismiss any appeal when the party concerned fails to identify specifically any erroneous conclusion of law or statement of fact for the appeal.

The petitioner timely submits a Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion, checking the box on the Form I-290B indicating that a supplemental brief and/or additional evidence is attached. The petitioner attaches an undated statement prepared by her biological mother that addresses issues raised in the denial of the mother's Form I-360, Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er) or Special Immigrant. The statement does not address this petitioner's failure to establish that she resided with the claimed abusive United States citizen stepfather or failure to establish that she had been subjected to battery or extreme cruelty perpetrated by her United States citizen stepfather.

The director in this matter determined that the petitioner had not submitted probative evidence establishing that she had resided with her United States stepfather or that she had been subjected to battery or extreme cruelty perpetrated by her United States citizen stepfather. We concur with the director's assessment of the relevant evidence. The petitioner does not provide any further evidence or argument on appeal that overcomes the director's determination. The petitioner fails to identify specifically an erroneous conclusion of law or a statement of fact in this proceeding. Accordingly, the appeal must be summarily dismissed pursuant to the regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(v).

In visa petition proceedings, the burden of proving eligibility for the benefit sought remains entirely with the petitioner. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1361. Here, that burden has not been met.

ORDER: The appeal is summarily dismissed. The petition remains denied.