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FILE: [REDACTED] Office: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER Date: JAN 07 2010  
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IN RE: Petitioner: [REDACTED]  
Beneficiary: [REDACTED]

PETITION: Immigrant Petition for Special Immigrant Religious Worker Pursuant to Section 203(b)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(4), as described at Section 101(a)(27)(C) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(27)(C)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:



**DISCUSSION:** The Director, Vermont Service Center, denied the visa petition. The petitioner appealed the decision to the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO). The AAO subsequently remanded the petition to the Director, California Service Center, due to regulatory revisions. The Director, California Service Center, then denied the visa petition and certified the decision to the AAO for review. On October 8, 2009, counsel wrote: "At the petitioner's request and at its instance, I am hereby withdrawing the appeal from the said decision and consequently pray that further processing thereof be discontinued forthwith." We hereby acknowledge the petitioner's stated wish to cease all further adjudication, and construe counsel's correspondence to mean that the petitioner no longer wishes to contest the director's findings. A withdrawal may not be retracted and may not be refused. *Matter of Cintron*, 16 I&N Dec. 9 (BIA 1976).

All documents have been returned to the office that originally decided the case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

**ORDER:** The director's decision of July 23, 2009, is affirmed. The petition is denied and the appeal is dismissed.

  
Perry Rhew  
Chief, Administrative Appeals Office