

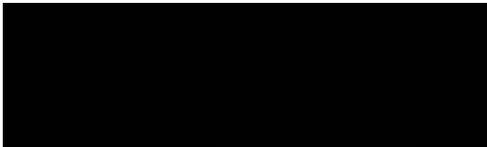


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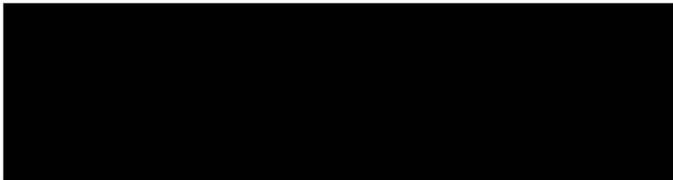
Office: Nebraska Service Center

Date: OCT 31 2006

IN RE: Applicant: [Redacted]

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

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:



INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All documents have been returned  
to the office that decided and certified your case.

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief  
Administrative Appeals Office



**DISCUSSION:** The application for temporary resident status (legalization) was denied by the Director, Northern Regional Processing Facility. An appeal of that decision was dismissed.

The Director, Nebraska Service Center, then granted a motion to reopen that was filed by the applicant pursuant to a class action lawsuit entitled *Proyecto San Pablo v. INS*, No. Civ 89-456-TUC-WDB (D. Ariz.). The decision in that case allows an alien whose application was denied because he had been outside of the United States after January 1, 1982 under an order of deportation to have his application reopened. The Director, Nebraska Service Center, has now denied the application, and certified his decision to the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO). The decision will be affirmed.

The applicant was deported on November 27, 1984. Both directors noted that the applicant was outside of the United States under an order of deportation after January 1, 1982, and therefore did not reside continuously in the United States since such date.

In rebuttal, on May 4, 2006 counsel waived the right to submit a brief or evidence within 30 days, and asked for additional time in which to submit a brief. Pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 103.4(b), and 8 C.F.R. § 103.4(a)(2), the affected party may submit a brief to the officer to whom the case is certified within 30 days after service of the notice. As there is no provision authorizing additional time in which to submit a brief, no additional time will be granted.

An applicant for temporary residence must establish entry into the United States before January 1, 1982, and continuous residence in the United States in an unlawful status since such date and through the date the application is filed. Section 245A(a)(2) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1255a(a)(2). An alien shall not be considered to have resided continuously in the United States, if, during any period for which continuous residence is required, the alien was outside of the United States under an order of deportation. Section 245A(g)(2)(B)(i) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1255a(g)(2)(B)(i).

As a result of the deportation, the applicant did not reside continuously in the United States for the requisite period. He is, therefore, statutorily ineligible for temporary residence on that basis.

Congress set forth, at section 245A(d)(2) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1255a(d)(2), a provision to waive certain *grounds of inadmissibility* under section 212(a) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a). Section 245A(g)(2) of the Act, concerning *continuous residence*, is a separate section unrelated to the waiver provisions. Congress provided no relief in the legalization program for failure to maintain continuous residence due to a departure under an order of deportation. Relief is provided in the Act for absences based on factors other than deportation, namely absences that were prolonged because of emergencies and absences approved under the advance parole provisions. Clearly, with respect to maintenance of continuous residence, it was not congressional intent to provide relief for absences under an order of deportation. While the applicant's failure to maintain continuous residence, and his inadmissibility for having been deported and having returned without authorization, are both predicated on the deportation, a waiver is possible only for the inadmissibility under section 212(a)(9)(A)(ii)(II) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(9)(A)(ii)(II).

The question has arisen as to why inadmissibility can be waived, and lack of continuous residence cannot, as both stem from the deportation. However, the two issues are separate, and not all aliens who were deported fail to meet the continuous residence requirement. An alien who was deported in 1978 and reentered the United States *before* January 1, 1982 would be inadmissible because of the deportation, and yet would not be ineligible for legalization on the continuous residence issue.

In summary, the applicant was out of the United States after January 1, 1982 under an order of deportation, and cannot be granted temporary residence for two reasons. First and foremost, he failed to maintain continuous residence, and there is no waiver available. Therefore, he is ineligible for temporary residence. Secondly, he is inadmissible under section 212(a)(9)(A)(ii)(II) of the Act as an alien who was deported and returned without permission. That ground of inadmissibility may be waived. The applicant filed a waiver application in an effort to overcome such inadmissibility. That waiver application was denied by the director, and the decision was affirmed by the AAO in a separate decision. There is no other waiver provision, such as consent to reapply for admission into the United States after deportation, available to legalization applicants.

The applicant was deported on November 27, 1984 and, therefore, did not maintain continuous residence as required by section 245A(a)(2) of the Act. He remains ineligible for temporary residence, and inadmissible under section 212(a)(9)(A)(ii)(II) of the Act.

**ORDER:** The director's decision is affirmed. This decision constitutes a final notice of ineligibility.