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FILE:

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[SRC-03-222-54016]  
[WAC-05-111-82268]

Office: California Service Center

Date: NOV 27 2006

IN RE:

Applicant: [REDACTED]

APPLICATION:

Application for Temporary Protected Status under Section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1254

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:

SELF-REPRESENTED

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All documents have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The initial application was denied by the Director, Texas Service Center. A subsequent application for re-registration was denied by the Director, California Service Center, and is currently before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The initial application will be reopened, *sua sponte*, by the Chief, Administrative Appeals Office, and the case will be remanded for further consideration and action.

The applicant claims to be a citizen of El Salvador who is seeking Temporary Protected Status (TPS) under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1254.

The applicant filed an initial application for TPS under receipt number SRC-03-222-54016. The director denied the initial application on March 26, 2003 because the applicant failed to submit documents in response to a Notice of Intent to Deny mailed to him on January 22, 2003 requesting the applicant to submit evidence to show that he resided in the United States as of February 13, 2001 and that he had been physically present in the United States from March 9, 2001 to the date of filing of his application. However, the record of proceedings reveals that the director's decision was in error. Specifically, the record reveals that a response was submitted by the applicant and received at the Texas Service Center on March 11, 2003.

The director's denial of the initial application is in error and will be withdrawn; the application will be remanded for a new decision. The director's denial of the application for re-registration or renewal is dependant upon the adjudication of the initial application. Since the initial application is being remanded, that decision will be remanded to the director for further adjudication. The director may request any evidence deemed necessary to assist with the determination of the applicant's eligibility for TPS offered to Salvadorans.

Although the applicant has not yet established his eligibility for Temporary Protected Status, his initial application has been reopened and is currently pending adjudication; therefore, the applicant is eligible for Temporary Treatment Benefits under 8 C.F.R. § 274a.12(c)(19).

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 initial application is reopened, the director's decision is withdrawn, and the application is remanded for a new decision. The re-registration application is remanded for further action consistent with the director's new decision on the initial application.