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Office: Vermont Service Center

Date: AUG 15 2003

IN RE: Petitioner: [Redacted]  
Beneficiary: [Redacted]

APPLICATION: Petition Special Immigrant Battered Spouse Pursuant to Section 204(a)(1)((A)(iii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1154(a)(1)(A)(iii)

IN BEHALF OF PETITIONER:  
[Redacted]

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INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision 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.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied or the analysis used in reaching the decision was inconsistent with the information provided or with precedent decisions, you may file a motion to reconsider. Such a motion must state the reasons for reconsideration and be supported by any pertinent precedent decisions. Any motion to reconsider must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider, as required under 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i).

If you have new or additional information that you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reopen. Such a motion must state the new facts to be proved at the reopened proceeding and be supported by affidavits or other documentary evidence. Any motion to reopen must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reopen, except that failure to file before this period expires may be excused in the discretion of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (Bureau) where it is demonstrated that the delay was reasonable and beyond the control of the applicant or petitioner. *Id.*

Any motion must be filed with the office that originally decided your case along with a fee of \$110 as required under 8 C.F.R. § 103.7.

Robert P. Wiemann, Director  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The preference visa petition was denied by the Director, Vermont Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The case will be remanded to the director for further action.

The petitioner is a native and citizen of Mexico who is seeking classification as a special immigrant, pursuant to section 204(a)(1)(A)(iii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1154(a)(1)(A)(iii), as the battered spouse of a United States citizen.

The director determined that the petitioner failed to submit evidence, as had been requested, to establish that she: (1) has resided in the United States with the citizen or lawful permanent resident spouse, pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 204.2(c)(1)(i)(D); (2) has been battered by, or has been the subject of extreme cruelty perpetrated by, the citizen or lawful permanent resident during the marriage; or is the parent of a child who has been battered by, or has been the subject of extreme cruelty perpetrated by, the citizen or lawful permanent resident during the marriage, pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 204.2(c)(1)(i)(E); (3) is a person of good moral character, pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 204.2(c)(1)(i)(F); and (4) entered into the marriage to the citizen or lawful permanent resident in good faith, pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 204.2(c)(1)(i)(H). The director, therefore, denied the petition.

On appeal, counsel asserts that, contrary to the director's decision, additional evidence was submitted in a timely fashion, and that he is again attaching the requested evidence.

The director has requested that this case be remanded to him so he may further review the case. Accordingly, this case will be remanded. The director shall enter a new decision which, if adverse to the petitioner, is to be certified to the AAO for review, and without fee.

**ORDER:** The director's decision is withdrawn. The case is remanded for appropriate action consistent with the above discussion and entry of a new decision.