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Office: VERMONT SERVICE CENTER

Date:

MAY 17 2004

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

PETITION: Petition for 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)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:

SELF-REPRESENTED

INSTRUCTIONS:

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prevent clearly unwarranted  
invasion of personal privacy**

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, Director  
Administrative Appeals Office

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**DISCUSSION:** The preference visa petition was denied by the Director, Vermont Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be summarily dismissed.

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 issued a request for additional evidence from the petitioner on October 18, 2002. The request for additional evidence was sent to the petitioner at the address listed on the Form I-360 application. The petitioner failed to respond to the request for additional evidence; therefore, the director denied the petition. On appeal, the petitioner states that she will submit a brief and/or evidence within thirty days. Nothing more has been submitted for the record.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(b)(13) provides that if all requested initial evidence is not submitted by the required date, the application or petition shall be considered abandoned and, accordingly, shall be denied. 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(b)(15) provides that a denial due to abandonment may not be appealed, but an applicant or petitioner may file a motion to reopen under 8 C.F.R. § 103.5.

As the director denied the petition due to abandonment, the decision was not properly appealed and must be rejected.

**ORDER:** The appeal is rejected.