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NOTICE OF DECISION

This notice is in reference to the Form I-539, Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status, filed at the California Service Center on March 9, 2004. The applicant seeks an extension of stay as a temporary visitor (B-1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

The applicant was admitted to the United States on November 26, 2003 and was granted an authorized stay until May 25, 2004. On March 9, 2004 the applicant filed a request to extend his or her stay until November 25, 2004. The applicant stated that the reason for the extension was to "because we are currently working on a book, and we would like to have more time to make more detailed arrangements."

In nonimmigrant applications, the burden of proof for the benefit sought is on the applicant. In this case, the applicant requested an extension of stay in the "B" nonimmigrant classification for a visitor for business or pleasure.

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, USCIS has determined that the applicant has not established eligibility for the requested extension of stay. Although the applicant stated in general terms the reason(s) for the requested extension, USCIS is unable to favorably grant an extension of stay to the date requested on the application.

USCIS has also considered the applicant's statements as to why the extension of stay would be temporary, including the arrangements the applicant has made to depart the United States. Finally, before rendering its decision on this case, USCIS has evaluated the statements regarding any effect an extended stay may have on the applicant's foreign employment or residency.

Accordingly, the application is denied.

The applicant is no longer in a valid nonimmigrant status and therefore must depart the United States. If the applicant has any questions concerning immigration services and benefits he or she may call 1-800-375-5283 or for TTY 1-800-767-1833.

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Director