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MEMORANDUM FOR WESTERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR  
CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER DIRECTOR

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SUBJECT: Temporary Suspension of Approval of Adjustment of Status Applications (I-485)

As of this date, the California Service Center is processing copy 2 of Forms I-181 that were received on December 29, 2000. This will affect the ability of several offices within Western Region to approve Adjustment of Status applications. The offices will need to ensure that cases are not approved if the I-181 was sent to the Service Center on or after December 15, 2000.

Because the California Service Center has not processed any I-181s for the past 60 days, the required CIA and FBI name checks have been completed for I-181s submitted prior to December 15, 2000. However, once the Service Center commences processing these forms, the affected offices will need to wait an additional 60 days before final adjudication of the cases. It is anticipated that the Service Center will complete data entry by the end of June, allowing for final adjudication of the cases by September 1, 2001. If this date changes, Immigration Services Division will inform Western Region of the change.

In order to ensure the continued processing of Adjustment of Status cases, all offices are asked to continue interviewing and place the affected cases on hold until such time as they can be approved. For those offices that are uncertain whether any individual case falls into the described category, they may verify when the I-181 was data entered by looking it up in CLAIMS3 Mainframe. Sixty days must be added to the date indicated in CLAIMS to allow for completion of the name checks.

Any questions regarding this issue may be addressed to Kathy Dominguez in Field Services Operations at (202)616-1050 or to Danielle Lee at (202)514-6328.