

Memorandum



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Subject Case Hold Lifted - <i>Matter of C-Y-Z-</i> and <i>Matter of S-L-L-</i>	Date May 23, 2008
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To Board Legal Staff	From Juan P. Osuna, Acting Chairman <i>JPO</i>
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As the result of the publication of *Matter of J-S-*, 24 I&N Dec. 520 (A.G. 2008), the existing hold (temporary suspension of the adjudication time limits) on cases which turn on the question of whether our holdings in *Matter of C-Y-Z-*, 21 I&N Dec. 915 (BIA 1997) (an alien whose spouse was forced to undergo an abortion or sterilization procedure can establish past persecution on account of political opinion and qualifies as a refugee within the definition of section 101(a)(42) of the Act), and *Matter of S-L-L-*, 24 I&N Dec. 1 (BIA 2006) (affirmed and clarified holding in *Matter of C-Y-Z-* as well as declined to extend *C-Y-Z-* to traditional or customary marriages), are controlling is lifted. Cases that were placed in the designated cabinets are in the process of being returned to the panels for adjudication.