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January 10, 1936.

Re: Julian Moguel,  
233 Naples Terr.,  
Bronx, N. Y.

Miss Merle Henoch,  
625 Madison Ave.,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Henoch:-

With reference to the above case: Mr. Moguel deserted his wife and three children. They are living in El Paso at 325 Chihuahua Street in dire need.

This family was admitted into the United States at this Port of Entry about seven years ago, and strange to say, Mr. Moguel while a smooth talker, and when properly dressed makes a very nice appearance, has never made an honest dollar. He seems to delight in doing everything that is shady to make a livelihood. Fortunately, he has never been apprehended in any of his misdeeds. He has during all these years supported his family in a meagre way. He has a lovely wife and three children who deserve a little better consideration. It is now four months since he left El Paso, and during that time he sent her about \$40.00, but for the past month he has sent her nothing.

I wish you would have this man investigated, and see what can be done to force him to support his family. He is living with a sister. I would also ask you thru your office to communicate with the Minneapolis, Minn. Section, because Mrs. Moguel claims to have an uncle in that City living at 2631 E. 25th St., named A. Cohen. It is possible that we may be able to send her to Minneapolis to this uncle.

On a clinic check-up we find that Mr. Moguel has been treated for social disease, and it would be drastic to have him come back to his wife if he is diseased.

Yours very truly,

MRS. FRANK ZLABOVSKY.





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January 29, 1936.

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.  
1016 Olive Street,  
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

Re: Julian Moguel.

Upon receipt of your letter of January 10th, we sent a copy of it to our New York Section. We have today been advised by them that inasmuch as the family has been here seven years, the case does not come under their jurisdiction, which, of course, is correct. They have therefore turned the matter over to the Jewish Social Service Association.

I do not know just which section of the J. S. S. A. this case was referred to, but the main office is at 71 West 47th Street, New York, should you wish to write to them.

Sincerely yours,

*Merle Henoch*

Merle Henoch,

Bureau of International Case Work.

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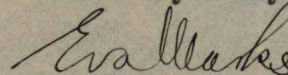
Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
National Council of Jewish Women  
El Paso, Texas

Re: Julian Moguel

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

Your letter of January 10th addressed to Miss Merle Henoeh, 625 Madison Avenue has been forwarded to Mr. Charles Zunser of the National Desertion Bureau, 71 West 47th Street for attention. He will communicate with you directly.

Yours very truly,



Eva Marks  
Secretary

em/e



February 11, 1936.

Re: Case No. 10460 - Julian Moguel.

National Desertion Bureau, Inc.,  
67-71 West 47th Street,  
New York City, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Attention: Mr. Charles Zunsner.

As requested by you in your letter of the 31st ult., I am enclosing herewith completed application statement with reference to the above party.

Trusting this is the information desired, and thanking you for your assistance in the matter, I am

Yours very truly,

(Mrs.) Frank Zlabovsky  
Field Executive.

LG:S  
(ENC)



February 12, 1936.

National Desertion Bureau, Inc.,  
67-71 West 47th Street,  
New York City, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Re: Case No. 10460,  
Julian Moguel.

With further reference to the above case, I am now enclosing herewith letters sent by Mr. Moguel to his wife, which may be of some assistance to you in this case.

If there is any further information desired, please let us know.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs.) Frank Zlabovsky.

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February 13, 1936

In Answering Refer to Case No. A 10460

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
Council of Jewish Women  
El Paso, Texas

RE: JULIAN MOGUEL

My dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

Supplementing our communication of January 31st, in reply to your letter of January 10th addressed to the Council of Jewish Women, permit us to quote herewith from a communication received from our Minneapolis, Minn. correspondent:

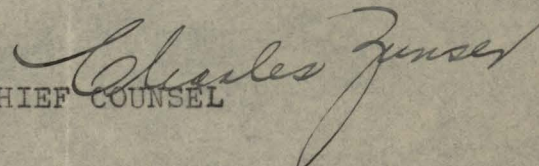
"We are replying to your kind letter of January 31st. We sent a visitor to Mr. A. Cohen, who lives at 3005 East 25th Street. He runs a small dry goods store at 2631 East 25th Street, our city. Mr. Cohen stated that he is not able to take his niece and her children into his home. However, he agreed to send money from time to time. He states that he has dependent relatives in Europe whom he is also obliged to assist intermittently, and his business does not warrant his taking on any further obligations."

Please advise us should Mr. Cohen fail to keep his promise as to sending your client money from time to time.

We are also awaiting further word from you, as per our previous letter, if you wish us to institute a search for Mr. Moguel.

Very truly yours,

CZ:LC

  
CHIEF COUNSEL



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February 25, 1936

In Answering Refer to Case No. A 10460

A I R M A I L

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
Council of Jewish Women  
El Paso, Texas

RE: MOGUEL, Julian - Debora

My dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

With further reference to the above case, we wish to advise you that our investigator called at 233 Naples Terrace and ascertained the deserter formerly resided at this address at the home of his sister, Mrs. Moguel, who moved about two weeks ago from the premises; the man was unemployed. The family had moved to 103 Post Ave.

Our investigator called at that address and spoke to the man. He stated that he is unemployed since December and that is the reason he is not supporting his family. He stated that he was at one time the owner of a restaurant and made a good living for his family, but that his wife is a jealous person and he was obliged to give up the business. Later he was in a dress line, that is an installment concern, but was obliged to give this up due to our client, at a great sacrifice. He was a partner in business to Mr. Zlabovsky, but when the store shut down he was left without work. Later he was transporting trailers to different parts of California. He stated that your office had wanted him to peddle with bananas but he refused to do so. He said that he had also been told by your office to divorce his wife but he refused to do so.

He hopes to obtain work and will try to bring his family to New York as the couple have no relatives in Texas. The man has obtained a chauffeur's license and is seeking a job as a private chauffeur.

The following is a list of payments the man made since he is away from home:

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| June 15 | \$20 |
| " 21    | 15   |
| " 28    | 15   |
| July 5  | 15   |
| " 18    | 10   |
| " 26    | 20   |



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February 25, 1936

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky

RE: MOGUEL, Julian - Debora

|      |    |      |
|------|----|------|
| Aug. | 10 | \$20 |
| "    | 12 | 20   |
| "    | 24 | 20   |
| Oct. | 30 | 10   |
| Nov. | 7  | 2    |
| "    | 7  | 10   |
| "    | 12 | 5    |
| "    | 13 | 10   |
| "    | 14 | 3    |
| Dec. | 26 | 17   |

We will await receipt of further word from you before proceeding.

Assuring you of our cooperation, we remain

Very truly yours,

*Samuel Edelstein*

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

SE:LC





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CECILIA RAZOVSKY

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
1016 Olive Street  
El Paso, Texas.

RE: Julian Moguel

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

Since writing you on January 29th regarding the above, we have received a letter from Minneapolis after they had visited Mr. Cohen. I am herewith quoting:

"I called at the home of Mr. A. Cohen, uncle of Mrs. Moguel who resides at 3005 E. 25th St. Mr. and Mrs. Cohen operate a small grocery store in a very poor neighborhood. They are both along in years, and I frankly cannot see how they can care for Mrs. Moguel and her children.

Mrs. Cohen was very gracious and wished she could do something for her niece, but they both assured me they barely get along."

I presume there is nothing further that we can do and will therefore close our case.

Sincerely yours,

Merle Henoch

Bureau of International Case Work.

MH:DG



March 2, 1936.

National Desertion Bureau,  
67-71 West 47th Street,  
New York City, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Re: Case No. A 10460,  
Moguel, Julian - Debora.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th ult., with reference to the above case, and contents noted.

Our only interest in this case is to relieve the suffering of Mr. Moguel's wife and children. If Mr. Moguel can see his way clear of supporting his family in New York, we would even try and assist him towards the transportation. I assure you it is not our intention to separate a family, but to try and keep them together where it is possible. However, Mr. Moguel is prone to waver from the truth when it suits his convenience, as you may soon learn. He has a fine wife and lovely children, and they are deserving of much better. Am attaching hereto a Jewish letter from Mrs. Moguel.

Assuring you that any assistance you can give us, will be appreciated, I am

Yours very truly,

(Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.)  
Field Executive.



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March 26, 1936

In Answering Refer to Case No. A 10460

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
National Council of Jewish Women  
El Paso, Texas

RE: MOGUEL, Julian - Debora

My dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

We are enclosing herewith copy of a letter we recently received from Mrs. Moguel, your client. We have discussed its contents with Mr. Moguel and are enclosing a report of the interview.

Please discuss this with Mrs. Moguel and advise us.

Assuring you of our cooperation, we remain

Very truly yours,

*Samuel Edelstein*  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

SE:LC  
Enc.



TRANSLATION

El Paso, Texas  
March 18, 1936

Gentlemen:

The El Paso Council of Jewish Women have advised me that my husband has read my letter and that he said I had not written that letter but that it had been dictated to me. Everything I wrote in that letter was true. Nobody has to tell me what to say as I have a mind of my own.

Now I will have to come to the point. Please speak to my husband again and ask him his intentions. Does he intend to support his legal wife? I do not wish to continue taking charity so that he may be able to save his money and have a good time. If he does not intend to support, then let him divorce me. There are some people in El Paso who are willing to open a business for me, so that I will not be dependent on others. I cannot do any hard work as I am not well, but I could manage to attend to a small business and earn some sort of a livelihood. All this will be done for me only if I am divorced from my husband. They all know how brutally he has treated me and will not assist as long as he is my husband.

Please discuss this with him and have him give you a definite answer - either that he support me or divorce me.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Moguel



3/26/36. Man calls. He wished to speak with S.E. but I advised him that I had last contact with the matter and could discuss the situation with him. I first advised him of the contents of his wife's letter of March 18th and he stated that he had also received a letter directly from her in which he advises that with a divorce she would be better off than if they continue as man and wife; that other people in El Paso are making a living and then she will be able to use her own hands for work - so she asks him to divorce her and to pay as much support as he can.

This letter was written in Yiddish and he had his own reply, also in Yiddish, with him. He read this to the interviewer to indicate just what he is telling his wife. The gist of it was that sooner or later the truth about them would come out, that he admits she is right in berating him for his failure to support now, but that she had no right to circulate stories about him in El Paso. He pointed out that she says nothing of herself to the people there and did not tell them of what occurred before he married her, and he writes that he could not have been so terrible a person, for if he were he would not have married her.

He tells her to do as she wishes but to remember that he is willing to sacrifice in order to satisfy his family. In reply to the statement in her previous letter, accusing him of having consorted with Mexicans he writes if he had not taken up with them he could not have made a living and points out "who in El Paso does not have dealings with Mexicans". He advises that he left because the children mingled so with the Mexicans and learned undesirable habits and so he went to try and make a living elsewhere in order to make another home for the family.

He goes on to ~~state~~ inquire whether she is afraid to come to New York for fear that he has slandered her to his people here, as she slandered him in El Paso and assures her that he did not do this; that she does not realize what a good friend she has in him and that he would not sully his own character in that fashion.

He reminds her of how she treated a brother and a sister many years ago. He advises that God who helped him right along will continue to do so.

If it is divorce she wishes, she can obtain this alone and that he reminds her that she taught the children not to respect him and often told him that when Max is 18 they will show him. That if she thinks divorce will make her happy, God help her, that he would promise to cooperate on one condition, that she permit him to have Max until the boy is 16 as he wishes to give him a good education here and then he will send him back to her. As for the others, he will do what he can towards support.

He writes that he hopes that something will materialize next week when he hopes to send her some money. He told her to make up her mind and respond to his letter.

I then advised him of Mrs. Weiss' call to our office on 3/23, and he immediately expressed a desire to see her, but I informed him she returned to El Paso. I advised him of her messages and pointed out to him that unless he realizes his responsibilities strict measures will



re: Moguel      A 10460

3/26/36. be taken against him. He stated that he has nothing to say to that, that since he has no money now he cannot send support. His own family cannot help as his brother-in-law earns \$30 a week ~~xxx~~ working in a grocery. They have 3 children aged 15, 10 and 6 and it is difficult for them to get along - they live with another cousin and pay half rent. If his sister obtains work as a chocolate dipper she is occasionally employed.

He stated that it would not be feasible for his family to be sent here now when he is not working because he definitely could not support them. Furthermore, there is no room for them in his sister's home as he shares a couch with one of the children. Once he has employment he would be willing to have them come here but he expressed the opinion that his wife would not come here.

Regarding the divorce question, he repeated statement made in his letter to his wife that he will agree on condition that she will send Max to him. As for threat of action against him he merely threw out his hands as though to say he could not stop that.

He informed me that through a neighborhood dealer some one promised to endeavor to obtain employment for him doing night work at making wire hangers. If he gets the job it will pay \$12 a week and he hopes that he may have something by this coming week end. If he does get this he will send his family half his earnings.      RS/LC      3/26/36



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April 27, 1936

In Answering Refer to Case No. A 10460

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
National Council of Jewish Women  
El Paso, Texas

RE: MOGUEL, Julian - Debora

My dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

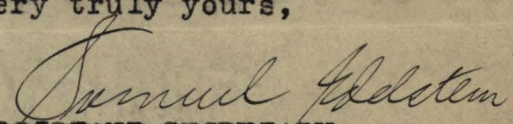
Mr. Moguel called at our office on April 24th. He stated that he had found employment for two weeks unloading trucks and that he sent his wife two \$5 payments - one on April 4th and the other on the 13th. He claimed that he has received no answer to the letters he sent his wife and he wishes to know the present status of the matter - if she is proceeding with divorce action.

If possible, Mr. Moguel would like to be advised of the identities of the people who are interested enough in the woman to promise to establish a business for her when she receives the divorce.

The man stated that he is finding great difficulty in finding employment - that the two weeks work he had was the first in four months.

We would appreciate hearing from you at your very earliest convenience regarding this case.

Very truly yours,

  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

SE:LC



May 2, 1936.

National Desertion Bureau, Inc.,  
67-71 West 47th Street,  
New York City, N. Y.

Re: Case No. A 10460  
MOGUEL, Julian - Debora.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to yours of the 27th ult., we called on Mrs. Moguel, and found that she had moved. Upon investigation, we learned that she sold all her household goods and left El Paso. We do not know her whereabouts at the present time.

We know of no one who promised Mrs. Moguel any business assistance, nor anything about divorce proceedings, nor whether she received money from her husband during the month of April.

She seemed to be anxious to keep us from knowing about her business the last few weeks of her stay in El Paso.

The only interest we took in this case, was when we found Mrs. Moguel and her three children suffering for want of food and clothing. We assisted her in alleviating that suffering, and also paid her rent.

With her departure, her cases closes on our file.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.