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El Paso, Texas,  
July 16, 1936.

Honorable Felix Cole,  
American Consul,  
Kaunas, Lithuania.

Dear Sir:-

We are desirous of having our sister,  
Reveka Kagan, age 26, now living at 53B Marjanpoles,  
Kaunas, Lithuania, visit us in our home at El Paso,  
Texas, and hope that you will grant her a Visitor's  
visa.

From the attached affidavit you will see  
that we are in a position to properly receive her and  
take care of her during her stay with us, and it would  
make us very happy to have her join us.

Thanking you, we are

Most respectfully,

Abraham Lichtin

Louisa Lichtin.

July 17, 1936.

Miss Cecelia Razovsky,  
221 West 57th Street,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Miss Razovsky:-

Please examine the enclosed affidavit and letters of recommendation, and forward them from your office.

Mr. & Mrs. Lichtin entered the United States from Mexico through this Port five years ago and are desirable residents of El Paso. Mr. Lichtin's business as manufacturer of mattresses and quilts kept him in Mexico for some time after establishing his residence here. He is now moving his factory to El Paso, Texas, and also opening a factory for Mexican straw hats, which he has up to the present time imported from Mexico. Because of his extensive travelling, he delayed in filing application for citizenship in the United States. However, he plans to file said application within the next week.

Mrs. Lichtin is very anxious to have her sister visit her in the United States at this time, and is well able to accept the responsibility of the visitor. It may interest you to know that Mrs. Lichtin is one of our active members of the Council of Jewish Women, and has given her service to the School for the Blind and other activities whenever she is called upon, and would very much appreciate your efforts in helping her secure this visa for her sister's entry.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.

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(ENCS)

July 17, 1936.

Miss Cecelia Razovsky,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Miss Razovsky:-

I am inclosing herewith affidavits and letters of recommendation, and will ask you to take care of them from your office.

Mr. & Mrs. Lichtin entered the United States from Mexico through this Port five years ago and are very desirable residents of El Paso. Mr. Lichtin's business as Manufacturer of mattresses and quilts kept him in Mexico for some time after establishing his residence here. He is now moving his factory to El Paso, Texas and also opening a factory for Mexican straw Hats, which he has up to the present time imported from Mexico. Because of his extensive travelling, he delayed in filing application for Citizenship in the United States. However, he plans to file said application within the next week.

Mrs. Lichtin is very anxious to have her sister visit her in the United States at this time.

A mere suggestion on my part would be to send the photostatic copies direct to Hon. Felix Cole, American Consul at Kaunas, Lithuania, and the originals to Miss Reveka Kagan, to present to him.

It may interest you to know that Mrs. Lichtin is one of our active members of the Council of Jewish Women, and has given her service to the School for the Blind and other activities whenever she is called upon, and would appreciate your efforts in helping her secure this visa for her sister's entry.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.

August 28, 1936.

Miss Cecelia Razovsky,  
221 West 57th Street,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Miss Razovsky:-

Re: Reveka Kagan, Kaunas, Lithuania.

We are just in receipt of a letter from the above that the papers reached the Post Office in Kaunas, Lithuania, but for some unaccountable reason, the authorities refused to deliver the mail to her.

Will you please dispatch an airmail to the Postmaster, asking them to release her mail to her?

Thanking you, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.

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**AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE**

Kaunas, Lithuania, Sept. 14, 1936  
Rec'd: Oct. 15, 1936

Miss Cecilia Razovsky  
National Council of Jewish Women  
New York, N.Y.

Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged on September 9, 1936, of your letter dated July 21, 1936, stating that you are forwarding, at the request of Mrs. Abraham Lichtin, of El Paso, Texas, a member of the Council of Jewish Women in that city, affidavits and letters of recommendation executed in behalf of her sister, Miss Reveka Kagan, of Kaunas, whom she desires to have visit her in the United States. You express the hope that it will be possible for Miss Kagan to procure a visitor's visa.

In reply, I beg to inform you that Miss Reveka Kaganaitė applied at this Consulate on August 29, 1936, for a non-immigrant visa as a temporary visitor, at which time she stated that she resides with her mother; that she is employed as a clerk in a local store; that she is self-supporting although she occasionally receives remittances from the United States; and that she is desirous of going to the United States to visit her sister.

The applicant was informed that before a visa could be issued to her she would have to establish to the satisfaction of the Consulate that she has a fixed domicile in Lithuania which she has no intention of abandoning; that she is going to the United States for a temporary visit only; and that she has close ties in Lithuania which would compel her to return to this country upon the termination of her visit.

So far the applicant has submitted no evidence to establish the foregoing or to corroborate her statements.

Affidavits of support executed by near relatives in the United States, although given due consideration, can be accorded but little probative value in establishing the admissibility of an alien as a nonimmigrant within the meaning of Section 3 (2) of the Immigration Act of 1924, as defined by the Department of Labor.

No decision can be taken with regard to Miss Kaganaitė's application until after she has submitted evidence on the basis of which the Consulate will be able to determine whether or not she is entitled to be classified as a non-immigrant.

Very truly yours,

C. Porter Kuykendall  
American Consul

El Paso, Texas,  
September 27, 1936.

Mr. Bernard Lepoladski,  
16 Havada Street,  
Tel Aviv, Palestine.

Dear Bernard:-

Louisa and myself are very anxious to have you and Fannie join us for a visit to the United States, and am enclosing a sworn affidavit which you may present to the American Consul.

We understand from your last letter that you are not happy in your present surroundings and would like to return to Lithuania. Such being the case a visit to us would be opportune, and I would advise you to apply for a six months visitor's visa, which will give you plenty of time to visit with us and tour this beautiful Country.

Undoubtedly you have sufficient funds for such a trip and you will have no difficulty in making the necessary arrangements.

Looking forward to your visit with keenest anticipation, we are,

Most sincerely,

September 27, 1936.

Re: Miss Reveka Kagan,  
Kaunas, Lithuania.

Miss Cecelia Razovsky,  
221 West 57th Street,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Miss Razovsky:-

Miss Kagan has written to her sister, Mrs. A. Lichtin, that the American Consul made the statement that the affidavit was not sufficient guarantee to justify a visa, and further that many girls left Lithuania and failed to return. He therefore does not look upon a visitor's visa in a favorable light.

The Lichtin's having no relatives in the United States find it difficult to secure other affidavits. I will ask you to use your further influence in this case.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.

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KAUNAS, LITHUANIA

NO. 3752

9th November, 1936

(Rec!d. Nov. 20, 1936)

Dear Miss Razovsky:

re: Miss Reveka Kagan

Many thanks for your letter of the 19th ult., but I regret to say that after a number of conversations with Miss Kagan, I have not heard of one single person who can, or who is prepared to vouch for her before the Consul. Under the circumstances I am very sorry that there is nothing further to be done unless such a person is forthcoming.

Sincerely yours,

(sgd) I. ROZOVSKY

March 22, 1937.

To the American Consul,  
Kaunas, Lithuania.

Dear Sir:-

With further reference to the case of my sister-in-law, Miss Reveka Kagan, Kaunas, Lithuania, I wish to add to my affidavit forwarded to you some time ago, the following:

"That I do further guarantee that upon her arrival in the United States to provide a bond of \$500.00, or such other sum as may be demanded, to insure her departure from the United States upon the expiration of the temporary period of stay officially authorized.

That I am prepared to provide for the purchase of her return transportation if she does not have a round trip passage ticket."

*A. Lichtin*

Abraham Lichtin.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 22nd day of March, 1937.

Sol Goldfarb, Notary Public.

My Commission expires May 31, 1937.

I, Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky, Field Executive of the El Paso Section, National Council of Jewish Women, know Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Lichtin since their arrival in the United States five years ago, and have found them honest and law abiding residents of our community.

*Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky*

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.

May 10, 1937.

Re: Miss Reveka Kagan,  
Kaunas, Lithuania.

To the Honorable  
American Consul,  
Kaunas, Lithuania.

Dear Sir:-

We are interested in Miss Kagan because her sister and brother-in-law, Mrs & Mrs. A. Lichtin of El Paso, Texas are respected members of our Community.

A recent letter received by Mrs. Lichtin from her sister has given her the impression that you hesitate giving a non-immigrant visa because she may want to remain in the United States. Knowing these people as we do, we are sure that Mrs. Lichtin does not want her sister to leave her mother permanently. In fact, Mrs. Lichtin's mother is solely dependent upon her daughter, Miss Kagan, and would therefore be an injustice to the Mother to take her daughter from her permanently. It is the desire of Mr. & Mrs. Lichtin to extend to their sister a real vacation and for that purpose, and that alone, that they have invited her to El Paso, Texas.

Because of the above mentioned facts, we would ask, that you grant Miss Kagan the necessary non-immigrant visa.

Thanking you, we remain

Yours very truly,

EL PASO SECTION,  
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN,

BY

Mrs. Frank Zlawovsky,  
Field Executive.

November 4, 1937.

To the Honorable,  
American Consul,  
Kaunas, Lithuania.

Dear Sir:-

About a year ago, I appealed to you to grant a non-immigrant visa to my wife's sister, Reveka Kagan, (Kaganaite) because my wife has been and still is pining to see her sister. At that time it was our desire to give her a vacation, however she is now eager to come and make her home with us as she has no close ties in Lithuania.

I have since given this matter serious thought, and am now asking you to grant Miss Kagan an immigrant visa, so that she may permanently enter the United States and be reunited with her sister (my wife). I am financially able to give her a good home, and am perfectly willing to do so, guaranteeing that she will not accept paid work after her arrival in the United States, nor will she ever become a public charge.

Thanking you for your consideration, and hoping you will grant visa, I am

Gratefully yours,

November 4, 1937.

Holland America Lines,  
Room 533 Arcade Bldg.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:-

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of October 4th, relative to Miss Kaganaitis wishes to emigrate to this Country, I am pleased to inclose herewith affidavits of support, a letter to the American Consul in Lithuania and a letter from the Chamber of Commerce.

Because I have but recently engaged in the Manufacturing and Importer's business, the documents usually required to support my affidavit are unavailable at this time. However, I am in a position to take care of my sister-in-law, and hope you will assist me in convincing the American Consul in Lithuania that I will never permit her to become a public charge nor seek labor. I am quite sure that she has funds to purchase her transportation from Lithuania to El Paso, Texas. If not, I will be glad to furnish same upon being advised that the American Consul has favorably accepted her application.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter, I am

Yours very truly,

January 6, 1938.

Holland American Line,  
Room 533 Arcade Bldg.,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:-

Re: Miss Rebecca Kaganaitte.

Replying to yours of December 27th regarding the aforementioned case, I regret to say that Mr. A. Lichtin is in no position to furnish the documentary evidence that is required by the American Consul Abroad for the purpose of inducing the Consul to grant visas to aliens. However, we know that the Lichtin's will never permit their sister to become a public charge, nor will they permit her to seek labor. Their financial holdings are sufficient to guarantee the support and maintenance of this girl, and they are anxious to have her with them.

I will appreciate your suggestions for some other means of securing the necessary visa for Miss Kaganaitte to enter the United States. Can you bring some influence to bear?

Thanking you, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.

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El Paso, Texas  
September 18, 1946

H I A S  
425 Lafayette Street  
New York City, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I have been asked to assist a family here in bringing in relatives from both Lithuania and Tel Aviv. The Lithuanian couple are refugees from Poland.

I will certainly appreciate your sending me the necessary affidavit blanks and also any information I may need to assist these people in their quest.

Thanking you for your early advice, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
1016 Olive Street  
El Paso, Texas