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Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
1016 Olive Street
El Paso, Texas

Re: Burstein Case

My dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

Since the receipt of your letter of November 2. We have made every effort to locate Mrs. Goldberg, Mrs. Burstein's aunt. We are sorry but we have no information of her whereabouts. We will close our file unless there is something you want us to do on this case.

Sincerely yours,

Leah London
Leah London

Social Service Secretary

LL:HM

2282

5/18/28
O/S
Mrs. Zlabovsky
El Paso, Texas
1016 Olive Street

Oct 9, 1928

Miss Cecelia Razovsky

799 Broadway, N. Y.,

Re Burnstein Case.

Several weeks ago I addressed a letter to ^merl Henoch with ref. to a
above case but received no reply. Please look into this matter
and give us information we require namely: thro what port of entry
was Mr. Frank Burnstein admitted, under what stat, a preferred
quota or nonquota and as a citizen of what country. We would like to
secure from Mr. Burnstein the passports that belong to the family and
which he has in his possession

Wishing you a very happy New Year, Yours truly

8/26/29

Augusta Mayerson

B Burstein children

Cecilia Razovsky, Headquarters

We located Abraham Burstein at his place of employment, and since it was difficult to interview him there, he called on us this morning, at which time we got the following story:

Mr. Burstein is 61 years of age, and seems very much broken down in health. His eyes are in bad condition. He refers to some sort of lung trouble, and next week is undergoing an operation for tonsils.

Mr. Burstein left his home in Poland about 13 years ago. His wife and three sons remained in Poland while he went on to China. He did this in order to avoid military service. He lived in Harbin China for nine years. During his residence there, he met Mrs. Burstein who is the wife of a distant cousin of his. Her husband had died some years ago, and she was living in Harbin with four children. Mr. Burstein naturally became interested in her children. Mrs. Burstein was making her living by peddling brandy.

Mr. Burstein went on to Australia, where he lived for two years, then came back to China, and from there went on to Mexico City, where he lived for 2½ years. He met Mrs. Burstein again in Mexico City about a year ago. Shortly after he met her, he heard that she deserted her children and went back to China. Because of his interest in the children, he made inquiry through the Jewish Society, and learned that through a state agency, these children were placed in the homes of non-Jewish people who were making preparations to convert the children to their faith.

Mr. Burstein then appealed to Jewish Societies and a local synagogue, and made every effort to save the children. He was advised by a lawyer to say that he is the father of these children, so that the State would release them to his care. He told the children to corroborate his story, and to call him "father". In the meantime, the oldest boy who is 20, and who peddles in Mexico City, when questioned, said that this man was not the children's father. Shortly after, the mother returned to Mexico City, and claimed her children, so any further trouble was obviated in that way.

At this time, Mr. Burstein's son had made arrangements for his admission into America, and he came on. Mr. Burstein has been living in America for the past 8 months. At present he is working as a waiter and general helper in the home of the Daughters of Jacob. He earns \$50 a month with maintenance. His son Isaac is married, and lives at 1277 Morris Avenue. He is an upholsterer by occupation, and has all he can do to support his wife and two children. His earnings, we believe, is \$33 a week.

Mr. Burstein's wife and two sons, who are at the present time in Australia, are coming to America shortly, he believes. Mr. Burstein's cannot under the circumstances assume responsibility for these minor children who are now in Juarez. These children are 8, 12 and 14 years of age. There might be a fourth younger child. While he is very much interested in these children, (he thinks they are clever and pretty,) and would do all he could to help them, he is unable at this time to make any provisions for their admission into America, or to assume responsibility for their care after they get here.

The telegram indicates that this woman in Juarez is conducting a "nice, small business". Don't you think it is best for the children to remain with their mother? Mr. Burstein at this time refuses to make affidavits.

In the course of his story, Mr. Burstein tells us that Mrs. Burstein lived with a man in China to whom she was not married, and seems to be rather promiscuous in her relations with men.

AM/BO

September 7, 1929.

Miss Merel Henock
799 Broadway
New York, New York.

Re. Burstein Case

Dear Miss. Henoch,

Your letter of August 27 to Miss Aime Mayer with reference to the above case is before me. Mr. Abraham Burstein's statement came as a complete surprise since we are in a position to know that his accusations against the Mrs. Burstein living in Juarez Mexico

1216 Los Angeles Street,
September 12, 1929.

Mr. Whitgob,
84 Dubbing Road,
Shanghai, China.

Re: Abraham Burstein.

Dear Mr. Whitgob:

I am appealing to you for information we must have to establish the legal status of a certain Mrs. Bella Burstein, formerly a resident of your City, but now living with her several young children at Juarez, Mexico.

Abraham Burstein, her husband, whom we have located as living in New York City, refuses to support her and the children, claiming that he is merely a brother-in-law to her, no more - that he has taken a fatherly interest in her and her children and has previously supported them merely as a matter of human sympathy.

Mrs. Burstein gives us the following the information and refers us to you for verification of her story: She claims that you are the President of the Shanghai Ohel Moishe Synagogue wherein she was married to said Abraham Burstein during June - 1920. She was a widow at the time, her name being Biale Ronas. Said Abraham Burstein that she married was a divorced man - an ex-convict from Brisbane, Australia, where he had served time for some crime. The Rabbis who performed the ceremony for the wedding were Feldman and Goffman.

Mrs. Burstein has no record of her wedding as her Kesuba has been stolen and destroyed by the husband.

Kindly acquaint us with the true facts in the case; also whether Mr. Burstein presented a divorce at the time of his marriage to her. If possible, we would like a duplicate of her Kesuba, and any other information that would help us establish the true situation. A sworn statement of the facts before the American Consul at Shanghai would greatly help us. Any cost in connection with same, I am ready to pay.

The future of a family consisting of several young children is involved. They are absolutely destitute. I would appreciate you advising us at once.

With kind Rosh Hashonah Greetings, and the hope that you will be inscribed for a Happy New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,

JOSEPH M. ROTH, Rabbi.

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Zucker/BO

Augusta Mayerson

10/30/29

Merle Henoch, Headquarters

Burstein Children

We were unable to answer you sooner on this case, as we could not see Mr. Burstein who was away from the Home of the Daughters of Jacob for about ten days. We saw him again at the Home, and he told us the same tale as before.

He flatly refused to make out any affidavits or papers for the children, as he feels that he is financially not able to care for them and sees no reason why he should burden himself if he is not their father. He is also expecting his wife and two children from Australia to arrive very soon, and ofcourse will have to support them.

Mr. Burstein arrived in New York in December 1928 on the SS Havana. He came from Mexico.

We will call on Mr. Burstein's son, who may be able to help us, and we will then write you.

Zucker/BO

12/5/29

Augusta Mayerson

Burstein Children

Merle Hemoch, Headquarters

We have spoken to Mrs. Burstein, the daughter-in-law of the man. Mrs. Burstein tells us that as far as she and her husband know, Mr. Burstein was not remarried.

In 1920 when the client was supposed to have married Mr. Burstein, Sr., Mr. Burstein Jr., was also living in China, but not in the same town as his father. At that time he knew nothing of a marriage. Mr. Burstein Jr., has spoken to his father about the claims of our client, and his father has told him as he told us, that he never married this woman, but that he pretended marriage in order to save the woman from difficulties.

According to young Mrs. Burstein, her father-in-law is divorced from his first wife who is now living in Australia, where she has been married for the past 20 years to a very prosperous man in the butcher business. It is true that Mr. Burstein Sr., has two sons in Australia with their mother, but that there is no possibility of any of them coming to America, since they are so well situated in Australia.

Mrs. Burstein told us that she does not know the address of her mother-in-law in Australia, and feels sure that Mr. Burstein Sr., does not know the address also.

We have been attempting to see young Mr. Burstein, but so far have not been successful. He does not answer our letters and his wife told us that he is not interested in the matter, since he feels that his father is telling the truth.

We also called on Mr. Burstein Sr., and he denied that he had said his wife was coming from Australia. He said he has been divorced from her for many years, and there is no possibility of her coming. We ofcourse insisted that he had told us that his wife and two children were coming, and after a great deal of talk, Mr. Burstein admitted that he had said so, but insisted that he had said so only to prove to us that he is not married to our client.

Perhaps the client has some proof of the marriage. We do not know how we can proceed unless we have some proof.

(over)

Would it be possible to get anything authentic from Shanghai, the place of the alleged marriage.

Zucker/BO

March 19, 1930.

Miss Cecelia Razovsky
Dept. of Immigrant Aid
799 Broadway
New York N.Y.

Re: Bella Burstein

Dear Miss Razovsky: Enclosed you will please find passport and pictures of Mrs. Bella Burstein and we want you to please have this passport renewed. She is of Polish birth and will you please see that the Polish Consul returns the enclosed passport, too.

Thanking you for past favors,

Beg to remain,

(Mrs. Frank Elabovsky)
Chairman Of Immigrant Aid
Council of Jewish Women
1016 Olive Street
El Paso Texas.

April, 3, 1930.

Miss Cecelia Razovsky,
Dept. of Immigrant Aid
799 Broadway
New York, New York.

Re; Bella Burstein

Dear Miss Razovsky;

The enclosure speaks for itself and we ask that you please revive this case and despite the information that we have with reference to the "Kesuba" a record of such document was shown at our United States Immigration department when Mr. Burstein's manifestations were taken.

My appeal to you is to get this "Kesuba" from him, also, the passport on which appears the name of Mrs. Burstein's oldest son. This son is at present in Juarez, Mexico and because he has no passport he cannot return to the interior where we feel moral conditions are better for such youths.

Should Mr. Burstein refuse to give up the kesuba I would suggest that you bring pressure to bear that he give this woman a "ghet"(divorce). But we must have the passport.

Further more this man is the father of four children by this woman and he should contribute something to their support. These people are in distressing circumstances and El Paso's community is inadequate to cope with the financial situation.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
Chairman Immigrant Aid
Council of Jewish Women
1016 Olive Street
El Paso, Texas.

April 3, 1930.

Mr. J.L.Weinberger
5A. Calle de Mina #95
Mexico City Mexico.

Re; Bella Burstein.

Dear Mr. Weinberger;

Enclosed you will please find a passport and pictures of Mrs. Bella Burstein. Would you please see if you can secure a Polish passport for Mrs. Burstein as she claims she is a Polish subject. At all events we want the enclosed passport returned to us.

Mr. Weinberger we would appreciate it very much if you would send us all the data you have concerning this case. Do you know if this woman has a "Kesuba"?

Respectfully yours,

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

P.S. Might we ask that you also send some data on the case of Pola Gerschbein.

April 22, 1930.

Mrs. Estelle Sternberger,
799 Broadway
New York N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Sternberger:

Have inquired of several of our members if you by chance left with them my folio on the Bella Burstein case and all have answered in the negative. May I ask that if you have this folio you will please return it to me at once as I have some data filed there that I would like to have.

Trusting that your trip was a pleasant one and assuring you that it was indeed a privilege to have met you, I am,

Yours very truly,

Chairman Immigrant Aid
Council of Jewish Women
1016 Olive Street
El Paso, Texas
Mrs. Errold B. Lapowski, Sec.

April 26, 1930.

Mr. J. L. Weinberger,
5A Calle de Mina #95
Mexico City, Mexico.

Re; Katherine Burstein

Dear Sir;

As per our telegram of the 23rd. in which I told you that a letter would follow. It was inevitable that in order to save this child, Katie Burstein, from delinquency she should be sent away from the border and from the undesirable influences here. Also, from a domineering and nagging Mother.

Mr. Weinberger, there is good in this child and we are ready to do anything in our power to have her grow up into a good and honorable woman. We are appealing to you to assist us in our endeavor. Place her in any school that you see fit or if you think it more advisable that she be placed in the home of some good Jewish family who have a sympathetic understanding for this unfortunate child.

She is willing to work and what she needs most of all is kindness. If our assistance is necessary to finance this case we will gladly do our part.

Thanking you for past favors and knowing we shall have your hearty cooperation in this case, Beg to remain,

Yours truly,

(Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky)
Chairman Immigrant Aid
Council of Jewish Women
1016 Olive Street
El Paso, Texas.

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MRS FRANK ZLABOVSKY=

1016 OLIVE ST ELPASO TEX=

YOURS TWENTYTHIRD ON TRAIN ARRIVED FRIDAY SEVEN EVENING

MISS KATHERINE BURSTEIN DIDNOT APPEAR WIRE WHAT HAPPENED=

BRAIBRITH.

May 16, 1930.

Mr. A. Deutsch
B'nai B'rith Bureau in Mexico
Mexico City, Mexico.

Re; Katherine Burstein

Dear Mr. Deutsch; Yours in regard to Katherine Burstein received and in reply wish to say that we ask that you give your protection and every consideration to this child. She is a deserving little thing and needs a little kindness to make her way a little easier.

We ask that you place her in a school, or to live with a good family where she will be well treated, or even as a servant in a good home where the work would not be too hard for she is just a child. Anything but to keep her away from this border. Under no consideration allow her to return to this border.

We would gladly assist with financing her in a school or in anything that you might suggest if you are not able to finance her keeping with out our help. Thanking you for past favors and trusting to hear from you soon concerning this child, Beg to remain, Yours truly,

Chairman Immigrant Aid
(Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky)
1016 Olive Street
El Paso, Texas.

May 28th, 1930

From Augusta Mayerson, New York Section

To Merle Henoch, Headquarters

Subject .. Burstein Children

We do not seem to be getting anywhere on this case. We called to see Mr. Burstein after we received your last letter and found that he is no longer working at the Home of the Daughters of Jacob.

We interviewed him at the home of his son and daughter-in-law at 1277 Morris Avenue. As before, Mr. B. denied his marriage and claims that he does not know Mr. Goffman nor does he understand how Mr. Goffman could have made such a statement. As before, he insisted on Visitor's showing him written proof of the marriage.

We then asked him for his passport and he told us that the passport was deposited with an insurance company pending an action that he has taken against the Home of the Daughters of Jacob whom he is suing for compensation. He would not give us any particulars about this action nor exactly what his claim is. He also refused to allow us to see his passport.

We will call at the Home of the Daughters of Jacob and will then inform you.

Glazer/KP

June 20th, 1930.

From.... ..Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky, El Paso Section
To Merle Henoch
Subject.....Bella Burstein

This is in reply to yours of June 6th. We have in our files a letter from Shanghai, China verifying the legal marriage between the above and Mr. Burstein in New York City. Mrs. Burstein's request is that this man should give her a "get", a legal divorce. She is destitute, forced to work for the support of five children and in her desperation would if she could get this divorce marry a man who is now in Mexico and willing to help shoulder the responsibility of raising this family. I scarcely seem able to cope with this case. It is taxing us mentally and financially to capacity.

The oldest girl Katherine a child of fourteen was misled before we could see her. However we did the best we could. We removed her from a house of prostitution and sent her to a school in Mexico City. She was a child worth saving. She knew nothing of the horrors of what might befall her in future years. One of the outstanding horrors of this child's life is a statement made by her that this Burstein her stepfather who was permitted to enter the United States broke into her room when she was a child of ten and they were living in China. We will save this child if it is possible to do so. We ask your co-operation. Had this man come to El Paso his terrible record would have prevented his admission to this country. A Jewish divorce may assist us in solving the problems of this family.

Yours sincerely,

June 20th 1930

Centro Beneficencia Israelita de Mexico,
Calle Meave #11a
Mexico, D. F.

My Dear Mrs. Libnic:

I am in receipt of your letter in reference to Katherine Burstein. I also have a letter with reference to the same case from Mr. Weinberger. In order that you understand why we sent the girl to Mexico City we want you to know that we were trying to save an unfortunate child from a life worse than death. We are appealing to you as a Mother to make this child happy. Such a thing has never been known to her before. Her life has been one of strife and privation. We have written to the Hooker School to take and educate her. If they should take her it would be without a cent of cost to us. Is it possible that our Jewish brothers and sisters in Mexico can not do as much?

We have taken care of numerous cases sent to us from Mexico City among them as you may recall the Blattman and Guttdiener case. Both of these cases cost us large sums of money for which we were never reimbursed. We now want you to return us the same courtesy as our treasury here is sadly depleted.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Frnak Zlabovsky
Department of Service for Foreign Bo

July 23, 1930.

Cecelia Razovsky,
625 Madison Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Razovsky:-

Re-Burstein Case.

I don't know why I cannot get better service on this case. I have requested that some force should be brought to bear to get the Passport from the husband, also to try and force him to send some little assistance towards the maintenance of his children.

We are having no end of trouble with this family, and I feel that it will take a master mind to cope with the present situation. The eldest child, Katherine, of whom we had written you, that we had sent to Mexico City, to remove her from an immoral existence, has been returned to us because the Bnai' Brith has ceased to function in Mexico City, and we have no one to appeal to at that end of the line. It is most deplorable that there should be no International affiliation with Mexico City, and it is about time that either the Council or some other Organization of International importance serve our unfortunate co-religionists in that City. We hear tales of horror, of suffering and privation, and there have been several suicides reported due to starvation. I cannot understand the Bnai' Brith's attitude, and would like you to interest yourself in the cause of suffering humanity in our neighboring country. We are doing the best we can at this Border, but it is impossible for us to reach further. Please help me solve this bursting problem.

Yours very truly,

Chairman, Service for Foreign Born:

FZ:LG

Copy

July
30th
1931

Jewish Social Service Bureau
407 Lincoln Building,
742 Hill Street,
Los Angeles, California:

RE: KATHRYN, MIKE & JOE
RONES

Att: Freda Mohr.

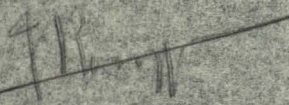
My dear Miss Mohr:

I am referring your letter dated July 24th bearing postmark of July 27th, to Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky for her attention, inasmuch as she is the one most familiar with the case.

I gather, from one of the paragraphs of your letter, that you fail to realize that Juarez is a foreign city in a foreign country, and that our membership in the Community Chest organization is as an El Paso, Texas Relief organization, and not one for work in Mexico. Regardless of the merit of cases elsewhere, we find ourselves limited to charity for local cases only.

Trusting that Mrs. Zlabovsky will give immediate attention to your inquiry, I am

Very truly yours,


Jesse Rosoff,
Secretary.

JR/am

Katie Burnstein 14 years.

Child attending school under supervision of Council
Mother nagging that she should find work to support
self + help support mother + sisters -

Mother opened small store for her
While attending to her little place of business some
Mexicans came into the store and told her that
she could make money much easier by joining
their band of smugglers -
These people were smuggling liquor into the
U.S.

Her Mother who is a confirmed nag brought such
pressure to bear that the child left her
and went to live with her older brother who
is also unable to stay with his mother.

The brother in turn placed her in the home of a
respectable Mexican family - The Mother not
being satisfied with what harm she had already
done one day she grabbed ahold of this un-
fortunate child, she beat her unmercifully, tore
her clothes from her body and accused her of
being a prostitute -

The child became very resentful
We tried to persuade her to come back to the El Paso
schools but other influences were brought to bear
and the child was finally induced to enter a
cabaret.

The Mother finding out that she entered this cabaret
had the child arrested -

She was taken to the Liberty Hospital in Juarez
the Council's Committee called on her there and the
child with tears in her eyes told a most horrifying
tale - "Her Story"

Her story takes us back four years when she
was but a child of ten living in Shanghai, China
where her mother derived a living by keeping a

7/15/30

Augusta Mayerson

Burstein, Bella

Merle Henoch, Headquarters

Mrs. Lurie who is the Superintendent of the Home of Daughters of Jacob, advised us that Mr. Burstein is receiving benefits under a group insurance provisions which the Home made for their employees shortly after Mr. Burstein came on their staff. Mr. Burstein became very sick from heart trouble. He was employed as an orderly.

At the present time he is receiving \$50 a month insurance. We were unsuccessful in obtaining any information as to Mr. Burstein's passport or other papers. Mr. Burstein ofcourse, continues to deny his marriage to the above named.

We will continue working on this case, and if we obtain any information that will be helpful, we will get in touch with you again. In the meantime ofcourse, it is up to Mrs. Burstein to try to obtain some documentary proof of the children's paternity. Perhaps their birth certificates would reveal something of interest. Ofcourse as you know, there is nothing that we can do to legally force the man to live up to his responsibility towards his children, but we mean to bring all the pressure that is at our disposal to bear upon him. However, you know that this does not always bring the desired results.

AM/BO

August 19th, 1930.

Cecelia Razovsky,
625 Madison Ave.,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Miss Razovsky:-

Re- Bella Burstein.

I am enclosing herewith three Jewish letters, which are self explanatory.

It is difficult to know just how to handle this case. Katherine has taken the road of least resistance, and we are unable to save her. If you can find a solution to this problem, please advise me, and I will be glad to abide by your instructions.

Thanking you, I am

Yours very truly,

Chairman, Service for Foreign Born.

1016 Olive St.,
El Paso, Texas.

FZ:LG
(ENCS)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

October 29, 1931.

Rabbi Joseph M. Roth
Congregation B'nai Zion
El Paso, Texas

Re. Burstein, F. 1478

My dear Rabbi Roth:

Your letter of September 29th regarding Abram and Bella Burstein has been turned over to our organization by the National Desertion Bureau.

This case has been handled through our New York office for a long time, in fact, since 1927. We have seen the husband time and again. He tells us that the four children are not his children. However, if he were making any money, we would insist that he send some money to the wife and children. In 1929, he was working and earning fifty dollars a month. At that time he said he could not send any money to the children in whom he said he was interested because they are clever. However, in the last year he has moved and we have been unable to find him. We will try again to locate him and we will write you and Mrs. Zlabovsky and let you know if we have any success.

Sincerely yours,

Cecilia Razovsky
Executive Director

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Aug.
25th
1932

Mr. William L. Vetter,
Ass't Superintendant,
Brooklyn Soc. Prev. Cruelty to Children,
105 Schermerhorn Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

RE: MICHAEL RONES
Case No. 87500

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above case, wish to advise
that I have referred your letter to Mrs. F. Zlabovsky,
1016 Olive Street, El Paso, Texas, for attention.

This organization to which Michael had reference to
is the Council of Jewish Women, of which Mrs. Zlabowsky
is the Social Service head. She will doubtlessly give
you the information for which you ask.

Yours very truly,

Jesse Rosoff,
Secretary.

JR:H

encl.

April 17, 1933.

Miss Merle Henoeh
625 Madison Ave.
New York N.Y.

Re; Abram Burstein;

Dear Miss Henoeh;

Just for your information if it were possible that the Immigration Dept. could reach Abraham Burstein they would the gather the entire family together and deport to Poland because Mr. Burstein entered the U.S. on a Polish Passport.

Yours truly,

P.S. As matters stand the family who are now held in detention will be turned loose and if Mr. Burstein is bad I can assure you that the rest of the family is worse so you will know with what we shall have to contend.

money it would take for passage to China when we do not know that China would accept them.

There is only one thing left for the Dept. and that is to parole her as the Dept; in New York did Mike and George and I am quite sure that her next move will be New York.

With reference to Mike I would strongly advise that you turn him loose and let him shift for himself. He has been to Cal. twice since his parole and this is his second trip to New York. For your information the Dept. in New York gave him a mental test and found him psychopathic. As to his coming to his Mother they do not want each other and the only time we shall be free of this most undesirable family is if we can send them to some South Sea Isle where they could never come back.

If you can advise me what to do in a case such as this I shall be glad to follow your instructions.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky, Field Executive.

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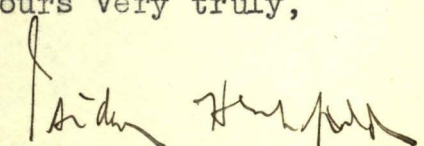
Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
1016 Olive Street
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

Your letter of the 10th instant in re Mrs. Bella Burstein and children, D. L. 55833/75, received today. We immediately examined the file at the Department and found that they are all in this country illegally and their deportation is compulsory. Deportation was ordered to Mexico but Mexico would not readmit them. Poland also refused to grant a passport and they, accordingly, have recently been ordered deported to China at Government expense. They all came recently from China to Mexico and then entered the United States. There is, therefore, nothing further that we could do except to reassure you that your local charities need not pay their transportation to San Francisco or to China as all of this will be defrayed by the Government.

We realize, of course, that there is considerable hardship in sending these people to China, but the woman has been living in China, evidently has friends or relatives there, and her present young children were born in China.

Yours very truly,


ISIDORE HERSHFIELD
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ISIDORE HERSHFIELD.

Mr. S. Lazar
Ward Road 48
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Copy Rabbi Roth's letter to
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Give us information we want -

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