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September 6, 1938.

Mr. Isidore Hershfield,
1317 F Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hershfield:

Please read the inclosed letter, and give me your opinion on this problem.

Mr. Schwartz and his family are among the wealthiest citizens of El Paso and are well able to take care of the immigrants mentioned in the letter.

The block on the Czechoslovakia quota for one year would make it difficult to get these people in on a non-preference quota, but because they are Agriculturists, I wonder if it could be possible to get preference quota numbers for them. In discussing this project with Consul General W. P. Blocker, of Juarez, Mexico, who is a personal friend of Mr. Maurice Schwartz, he told me that Mr. Schwartz was prepared to spend \$50,000.00 on the purchase of land and building facilities in order that his people may become self-sustaining by tilling the ground.

Mr. Blocker sent a copy of the letter and a note (personal) to George Brandt, who is at present in Europe serving on the Commission for the aid of refugees. When Mr. Schwartz consulted with me in regard to the matter, I felt that your office was in better position to handle a project of this nature, and I am appealing to you to use every effort to help get these people into the United States.

Thanking you for your assistance, and awaiting your advice, I am

Yours very truly,

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

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September 6, 1938

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
1016 Olive Street
El Paso, Texas

Dear Madam:

Your letter of the 6th instant in regard to Mayer Schwartz and family of Hungary has been received during the brief absence of Mr. Hershfield from the city. As soon as he returns, which will be within a few days, the matter will receive his immediate attention.

Yours very truly,

Betty K. Shapiro

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September 12, 1938.

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
1016 Olive Street
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

Further answering your letter of the
6th instant:

Mr. Schwartz apparently wishes to bring
here various relatives totalling in number 36 and
most of whom are children below the age at which
they can work and become self-supporting. This is
a very large order and we can hardly expect that
the Consul will grant visas to all of these people.

Specifically as to skilled agriculturists,
the statute does give a second preference to skilled
agriculturists, but they must be such at the time of
applying for their visas. You write that these
people have not been doing any farm work since the
war, about 20 years ago. We, therefore, doubt whether
the Consul will regard them as coming under the
category of skilled agriculturists.

However, no one can tell the result without
making an effort. Mr. Schwartz can send affidavits
for his relatives and there should be a separate af-
fidavit for each one. The wife and children, of
course, can be included in the affidavit for the
head of each family. The affidavits should be in
the usual form, with all possible corroborative proof
as to Mr. Schwartz's financial condition, assets, etc.
They should also contain the statement that Mr. Schwartz
is ready to spend \$50,000 on the purchase of land and
buildings so that these people can get thereon and
operate same as skilled agriculturists.

If Mr. Blocker will send a letter to the

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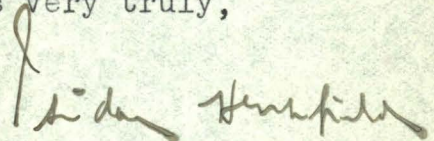
Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky - #2
Re: Mayer Schwartz et al

September 12, 1938.

Consul stating what he knows about Mr. Schwartz
and vouching for him, it should be very helpful.

Please also remember that bringing over
in one group 36 relatives, most of whom are young
children, will require the Consul to be satisfied
absolutely that Mr. Schwartz, both as to ability
and intention, will see that they are not likely
to become public charges.

Yours very truly,



ISIDORE HERSHFIELD
Counsel

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Good
also
right
left

1. Frank
2. Mary
3. Noble
4. Charles
5. Edith
6. John
7. Benjamin
8. John
9. Anne
10. Sarah
11. Edward Jr.
12. John
13. Catherine
14. Billie
15. William
16. Cliff

August 8, 1939.

Mr. Isadore Hirshfield,
1317 F St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hirshfield:

Will you please contact the Quota Control Office and ascertain if it is possible for the American Consul in Juarez, Mexico, to secure non-preference quota numbers from Hungary during this fiscal year.

I have in mind a case where three numbers are required. They are now in El Paso on a Visitor's Visa, and are anxious to change their status from alien to that of Immigrant.

Thanking you, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,
Field Executive.

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