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2220, Broadway, Dubbock  
June 1<sup>st</sup> 1940

Council of Jewish Women,  
El Paso,

Dear Madam,

Mrs Sidney Mayer, with whom I got in touch through a common friend, advises me to write to you about my obtaining American citizenship.

I came last December with my wife to the U.S. called by the President of the Modern Language Association of America and I am now lecturing at Texas Technological College, Dubbock.

I have applied to the U.S. Consul of Ciudad Juárez in order to obtain an immigrant extra quota status, which will enable me to accept my nomination as Professor at Wellesley College (Massachusetts).

I have also applied to the Mexican Consul at El Paso for entering into Mexico.

Is there anything you can do, in order to facilitate matters for me and my wife to obtain our American citizenship?

With kind regards, believe me

Yours sincerely  
Ezra Levi & Ancona



June 6th, 1940.

Prof. Ezio Levi D'Ancona,  
2220 Broadway,  
Lubbock, Texas.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st inst., and contents noted.

It will be necessary that you furnish me with more information with reference to your case before I can advise or assist you. Such information as I gather, you are seeking permanent entry into the United States on a non-quota status. This is granted to Professors and their families who have documentary evidence showing contract for two years in the United States at an accredited College. Also documents showing that you have been similarly employed abroad.

Entry into Mexico requires bond and sufficient money to guarantee that Government against your becoming a public charge during your stay there.

You mention American Citizenship. That can be secured following a five years residence after legal entry into this Country.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.  
1016 Olive Street.



Lubbock (Texas) 2220 Broadway

June 14, 1940

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky

Field Executive of the National  
Council of Jewish Women

El Paso

Dear Madam,

I received your kind letter of June 6 and thank you, waiting to do so personally when we come to El Paso. I am now answering your questions.

1-References on my Academic career;

My personality as Professor of Romance Philology is well known. I was President of ~~the~~ Royal Academy of Letters (Naples, Italy) until they applied the anti-Jewish laws. I was also Professor at the University of Naples and head of the Foreign Language Department for 13 years. My "Bibliography" was published in Florence (1939) and consist of about 200 works. I am a member of the Spanish Academy (Madrid, Spain) and of the "Hispanic Society of America" (New York, 155 West, Broadway).

2- Entrance into Mexico.

The Mexican Government already cabled to the Mexican Consul at El Paso asking him to facilitate my entrance in Mexico.

I have prepared the documents required by the U.S. Consul at Ciudad Juárez. Will you kindly ask if I can send them to him for previous examination before I leave Lubbock for Ciudad Juárez ?

With many thanks and best regards, believe me

yours very sincerely

Ezio Levi D'Ancona

*Ezio Levi D'Ancona*

P.S. -I am invited next year at Wellesley College (Massachusetts), with the "Mary Whiton Calkins Foundation" given only to Professors of great renown.



June 19, 1940.

Prof. Ezio Levi D'Ancona,  
2220 Broadway,  
Lubbock, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 14th inst., I would suggest that you send all documents to the American Consul General, in Juarez, Mexico for examination. He will advise you when to make your formal application.

You will not be granted a non-quota visa unless you have a two year contract with an accredited college in the United States. Therefore, please see that such document is attached to your application.

I will be glad to assist you in every way possible when you come to this Border.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.

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Lubbock (Texas) 2220 Broadway

June 21, 1940

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky

1016 Olive Street  
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky,

Tank you very much for your kind letter. On receiving it this morning I consulted at once the Immigration Law, 4 d. Under n.4 d the Law states:

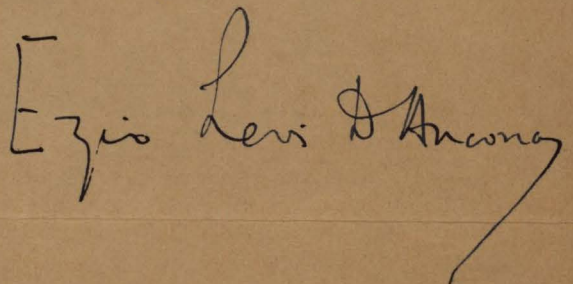
"A professor of a college who has followed such vocation continuously for at least two years immediately preceding the time of his application and who seeks to enter the U.S. solely for the purpose of carrying on such vocation, may apply for a non-quota immigration visa under section 4 D."

They do not refer to a two years' appointment following the application :they only speak of "two years preceding immediately the application".

The U.S. Consul at Ciudad Juárez did not make any objection when I wrote to him about my "Mary Whiton Calkins" appointment at Wellesley College; he only suggested that I should present to him the nomination in duplicate copy.  
With best regards, believe me

yours very sincerely

Ezio Levi D'Ancona

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ezio Levi D'Ancona". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.



June 24, 1940.

Prof. Ezio Levi D'Ancona,  
2220 Broadway,  
Lubbock, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 21st inst., I would suggest that you come to El Paso the early part of July for application.

I plan to leave for my vacation between the 10th and 15th of July and if you come before that time I will be glad to assist you to the best of my ability.

In a conversation with the American Consul in Juarez, Mexico, with reference to a Professor's application, he advises that it is absolutely necessary to have documentary evidence showing that said Professor has been in that vocation for two years immediately preceeding the time of his application and must have Contract from an accredited school in this United States for at least two years, that contract showing that the Professor's services are essential to that Institution.

If you have all the necessary papers and wish to present your case prior to July 10th, please call on me.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.

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June 28, 1940

Consul-General of the United States  
Ciudad Jaurez  
Mexico

Dear Sir:

I have recently been informed that Professor Ezio Levi d'Ancona is having some difficulty in arranging for his readmission to the United States for the academic year 1940-41. I hope the following statement may clarify his status and simplify his entry.

Professor Levi d'Ancona has been appointed as the Mary Whiton Calkins Visiting Professor at Wellesley College. This professorship is assigned to different departments of the College each year for the purpose of bringing a distinguished visitor to the campus. The professor is usually a well-known foreign scholar. The professorship was assigned to the department of Italian for the coming year, partly because one member of that department is to be on leave of absence, and it was therefore essential to provide a substitute. The possibility of having such a distinguished scholar as Professor Levi d'Ancona led to the assignment of the professorship which would make it possible to bring him rather than a less distinguished substitute. We are not at liberty to use the money which has been assigned for his salary unless a distinguished visitor joins the staff for the year. He is not, therefore, displacing other candidates but he is filling a vacancy where he is definitely needed.

The Mary Whiton Calkins Professor receives a salary of \$5,000, which is of course adequate to provide for Professor Levi d'Ancona and his wife.

We shall greatly appreciate it if you can facilitate his re-entry into the United States after his visit in Mexico.

Very cordially yours,



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SENT DETAILED STATEMENT TO JAUREZ CONSUL JUNE 28. CANNOT  
CERTIFY PERMANENT CONTRACT BUT HAVE EXPLAINED NECESSITY OF  
YOUR SERVICE NEXT YEAR. AM ASKING INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL  
EDUCATION TO COOPERATE IN FACILITATING YOUR REENTRY=

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September 3, 1940.

Miss Merle Henoch,  
1819 Broadway,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Miss Henoch: Re: Professor Ezra Levi D'Ancona  
Italy

It is evident that your letter to Washington received recognition because Professor and Mrs. D'Ancona were granted non-preference quota numbers. The American Consul could not accept this case as a non-quota because the professor did not have the documents necessary to convince him that his statement from Naples, Italy was correct. These people left for Boston where Professor D'Ancona has a contract with Wellesley.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.

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September 10, 1940.

Prof. Ezra Levi D'Ancona  
Wellesley College  
Wellesley, Mass.

Dear Professor:

Acknowledging your letter of September 5th, I wish to assure you that I was happy to know that you were successful in securing permanent entry into the United States.

Immediately upon my arrival in New York, I took your case up with our New York Office, and am inclosing a copy of a letter sent to the Department of State. It is evident that this letter carried weight because the American Consul in Juarez informed me on my return that "too much pressure was brought to bear". Be that as it may, we are always pleased when our cases receive recognition.

At the time I had your baggage checked out of your room, I simply gave the order to the porter and know nothing about the keys you mention. I will, however, make every effort to find them for you.

Mrs. Feather mentioned that you were interested in our work in El Paso and in addition to Immigration and philanthropic work, we have enrolled 12 children from Juarez, Mexico, in our public schools in El Paso at a cost of approximately \$15 per month for each child. This covers tuition, transportation, lunches, clothing and medical care. They also receive Hebrew instructions. We consider this project as most important, as these children will be prepared to enter the United States at some future time less handicapped.

With kindest regards to both Mrs. D'Ancona and yourself, I am

Sincerely,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.

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