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DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL STUDIES
RUSSELL SAGE FOUNDATION
130 EAST 22 STREET
NEW YORK

December 19, 1934

KLEECK, DIRECTOR

Dr. Alfons Goldschmidt
Hotel Brevoort
Fifth Avenue at 8th Street
New York

Dear Dr. Goldschmidt:

I am writing this letter in my capacity as Associate Director of the International Industrial Relations Institute, which has its headquarters at The Hague (Haringkade 171) and its USA office in my office at this address. Because of the important work which you are doing for us as a member of the Economic Research Group, we sincerely hope that you will return in the very near future to the United States and that you will make your home in New York, so that the research projects in which we are all interested may continue.

Specifically, the International Industrial Relations Institute is serving as a center of co-operation and exchange of information for economists who are studying the problems involved in the present widespread unemployment and in industrial depressions. In the United States we are carrying on work of this kind with a group of technical men, engineers and architects as well as economists and educators, with a view to throwing light on these problems. The American committee is of course represented in the general Economic Research Group of which you are a member in the Institute, and therefore there will be close co-operation with the work which we hope you will do.

It is our hope and expectation that this work by you will be done on a professorial or fellowship basis, so that you will be able to conduct seminars and give lectures to university professors, economists and others who are engaged in research.

We hope that the collaboration in this work which is developing so auspiciously will offer an opportunity which will be satisfactory to you so that you will make the United States your home for the furtherance of this scientific and educational work.

With cordial greetings to you and to Mrs. Goldschmidt, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mary Van Kleeck

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AFFIDAVIT.

County of Essex)
) SS.
State Of New Jersey)

Mrs. Hedwig Simon, a citizen of the United States,
residing at 201 Ferry Street, in the City of Newark, being duly
sworn, upon oath, deposes and says:

THAT she personally knows Lena Goldschmidt (nee Jacoby)
and Alfons Goldschmidt;

THAT affiant has known said Lena Goldschmidt during her
lifetime, and the sforesaid Alfons Goldschmidt since 1910;

THAT she knows and has known the said Lena and Alfons
Goldschmidt to be husband and wife, deponent having been present
at the ceremonial marriage between the sforessid parties;

THAT said marriage was performed and took place, in the
presence of this affiant, on the 27th day of August, 1911, in
the City of Berlin, State of Prussia, Empire of Germany.

+ Mrs. Hedwig Simon I.S.
Mrs. Hedwig Simon.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of September, 1934.

Adrian A. Brudubach
Notary Public. *772*
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
MAY 21, 1935

THE SOCIAL ECONOMIC FOUNDATION, INC.

EIGHT WEST FORTIETH STREET

NEW YORK

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TELEPHONE
PENNSYLVANIA 6-4060

January 23rd, 1935

Dr. Alfons Goldschmidt,
Director, Social Economic Laboratory,
Hotel Brevoort,
Fifth Avenue and 8th St.,
New York, N. Y.

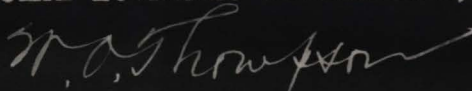
Dear Dr. Goldschmidt:

I am glad to inform you that by resolution of the Board of Directors of this Foundation, at a special meeting held yesterday, a grant has been made by it to the Social Economic Laboratory, of which you are the Director, of the sum of \$4,200.00 for the year commencing March 1st, 1935, to enable it to continue its valuable scientific work in the field of social economics. This grant will be payable in monthly installments of \$350.00 each, commencing on the 1st day of March, 1935.

Sincerely yours,

THE SOCIAL ECONOMIC FOUNDATION, INC.

By



President

WOT/o



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TIMES SQUARE, NEW YORK



TIMES ANNEX

February 3, 1935

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN :

Mrs. Goldschmidt was my German art correspondent over a period of four years from 1929 - 1933. She supplied this paper with critical comment upon the current art developments in Germany, and in that capacity proved of great value. I have known both Mrs. Goldschmidt and her husband, Professor Alfons Goldschmidt, personally since 1930. On a visit to Europe in that year I visited them in their Berlin home and was introduced to a number of their friends, persons prominent in German cultural and business circles. It gives me great satisfaction to state that Professor and Mrs. Goldschmidt are persons of the highest cultural, intellectual, and moral integrity.

Sincerely,

Edward Alden Jewell
Art Editor

EAJ:mj



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The College of the City of New York

THE CITY COLLEGE—SUMMER SESSION

CONVENT AVENUE AND 139TH STREET

C. U. CLARK, DIRECTOR

July 3, '35.

To whom it may concern:

It gives me great pleasure to certify that Dr. Alfons Goldschmidt taught in our 1934 Summer Session and left with us a most agreeable memory.

Very truly yours
C. U. Clark
Director.

HENRY MORGENTHAU
1133 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

This is to certify that I
have known Professor Alfons
Goldschmidt for several years
and believe that he would make
an excellent American Citizen.

He is affiliated with the
International Relation Institute,
and has already made desirable
connections in this country.
He would not be a charge, but

an acquisition to the country
W. May 31/35 Henry Morgenthau

POLICE DEPARTMENT

87-B. U. F. 49

CITY OF NEW YORK

439-40
DK

July 5, 1935.

Dr. Alfons Goldschmidt,
30 West 11th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your request for certificate of good conduct for presentation to the American Consul in Canada, please be advised that a search of our files and records under your name and fingerprints, discloses no record detrimental to your character.

Yours very truly,

John Seery
Chief Inspector.

Right thumb print.





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DE
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DEPENDENCIA	Depto. Admvo.
SECCION	de Personal
MESA	de Diversos.
NUMERO DEL OFICIO	4012
EXPEDIENTE	I/23-3-352

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JESUS ICAZA, Subjefe del Departamento Administrativo de la Secretaría de Educación Pública, hace constar que según aparece en el expediente relativo, el señor ALFONSO - - GOLDSCHMIDT prestó sus servicios en la misma del 11 de abril de 1923 al 31 de diciembre de 1924, como Profesor de Economía Política en la Facultad de Jurisprudencia de la Universidad Nacional, en virtud del contrato celebrado con fecha 10 de mayo de 1923 entre la Secretaría de Educación y el propio señor Goldschmidt; y del 30 de julio al 10 de octubre de - 1925, como Profesor con tres horas de clase a la semana en la Escuela Nacional para Maestros, habiéndosele concedido en este empleo una licencia sin goce de sueldo por treinta y ocho días a partir del 24 de agosto del mismo año.

A solicitud del interesado, se extiende la presente en la Ciudad de México, a los dos días del mes de febrero de mil novecientos treinta y cinco.

AL CONTESTAR ESTE OFICIO, CITENSE LOS
DATOS CONTENIDOS EN EL CUADRO DEL ANGULO
SUPERIOR DERECHO

MU/jg.

State of New York,)
City of New York,) ss:
County of New York,)

To the American Consul at the
nearest place of residence.

Henry J. Wachtel

being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That I am a resident of the State of New York
residing at 140 E 34 St City of New York

That I am an American citizen, having been born in Austria

That I am a naturalized citizen of the United States of America,
having received my certificate No 759405 on July 9th 1917
in the City of N.Y. Court of Supreme Court Special Term County of N.Y.

That I am employed as _____ with _____
located at _____ City of _____ Earning \$ _____

That I am in the _____ business (name) _____
located at _____, valued at \$ _____ Income \$ _____

That I am a (professional) Dentist (D.D.S.)
with offices at 261 W 42, 25 years Approximate income \$ 3000[±]

That I am insured with N.Y. Life, Penn Mutual Company for \$ 16,000[±]

That I have accounts in the following banks Federation Bank & Trust Co
Empire City Savings Bank

That I own real estate or other property amounting to \$ 10,000[±]
Describe: Business property in Rockville Center L.I.
on Sunrise Highway, corner Saratoga Ave. without mortgages
and without tax incumbrances

Other pertinent information I am resident of N.Y. for 37 years
22 years in the same office. Member of the 1st District
dental society and American Dental Association.

That I attach documents certifying that the above statements are true.

That I am and always have been a law abiding inhabitant and that I
have not at any time been charged with or arrested for any crime or misdemeanor.

That I am the Cousin of Alfonso Goldschmidt
(relationship) (name of clients)
residing at _____ who were born at _____

and who desire to come to the United States to join me.

That I do hereby promise, agree and guarantee that I will properly
receive and take care of them, and that I will at no time allow them or either of
them to become public charges upon any community or municipality, and I do further
promise and agree that those aliens who are under 16 years of age, will be sent to
school and will not be permitted to work until they at least reach that age.

That this petition and affidavit is made by me individually in order
that our representative abroad will visa the passport of Alfonso Goldschmidt

Sworn to before me this 24th day of July, 1936
[Signature]
Notary Public, Bronx Co.
Clerk's No. 21
Clerk's No. 283
New York County Reg. No. 6 L 165
Commission Expires Mar. 30, 1936

Henry Wachtel



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Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
1016 Olive Street
El Paso, Texas

In Re: Professor Alfons Goldschmidt

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

Professor Alfons Goldschmidt, a German refugee, is here on a visitor's visa which will expire January 29, 1936. Professor Goldschmidt is anxious to secure a permanent visa as a professor in the non-quota class.

Professor Goldschmidt was professor of economics at the University of Mexico in 1923-24, and at Teachers College in 1925. Since he is well known in Mexico we thought it would be advisable for him to go to Juárez and apply for a visa there. Before making the trip, however, I thought it might be well to send you his documents, for you to discuss them with the American Consul in Juárez and find out what other documents the Consul thinks would be needed before Professor Goldschmidt applies in person for his visa. I am enclosing the following documents:

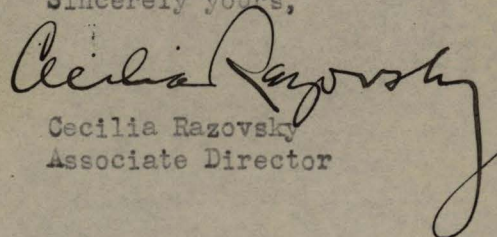
- (1) Two newspaper clippings with reference to Professor and Mrs. Goldschmidt.
- (2) Letter, dated July 5, 1935, from New York City Police Department to Dr. Goldschmidt.
- (3) Photostatic copy of letter dated July 3, 1935, from C.U. Clark, Director, The College of the City of New York.
- (4) Photostatic copy of letter dated May 31, 1935, from Henry Morgenthau, New York City.
- (5) Photostatic copy of letter (in Spanish) dated February 2, 1935, with English translation appended.
- (6) Photostatic copy of letter dated Dec. 19, 1934, from Department of Industrial Studies, Russell Sage Foundation, New York City.
- (7) Photostatic copy of letter dated Jan. 23, 1935, from The Social Economic Foundation, Inc., New York City.
- (8) Photostatic copy of letter dated Feb. 3, 1935, from The New York Times, re Mrs. Goldschmidt.
- (9) Photostatic copy of affidavit of Mrs. Hedwig Simon, dated Sept. 10, 1934.
- (10) Photostatic copy of affidavit of support by Henry I. Wachtel, New York City, dated July 29, 1935.

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky * 2

Professor Goldschmidt has a small bank account, and he will probably have additional affidavits when he comes. He is the Director of the International Industrial Relations Institute, and he is a prominent physician.

Please let me hear from you after you have had an interview with the Consul.

Sincerely yours,


Cecilia Razovsky
Associate Director

CR:SP

P. S. In addition to the documents listed I am also enclosing photostatic copy of an article in the New York Times written by Professor Goldschmidt on January 14, 1934. Please note the introductory paragraph.

In view of his writings Professor Goldschmidt would not be able to secure any police certificates from Germany because his citizenship has been taken away from him.

I am also enclosing a newspaper photo and two news items, all of which appeared in the New York Times, as well as a biographical leaflet.

C.R.



AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE

Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, December 7, 1935.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,
National Council of Jewish Women,
1016 Olive Street,
El Paso, Texas.

Madam:

Reference is made to our recent conversation on the subject of a possible application for an immigration visa to be made by Professor Alfons Goldschmidt, and to the file of correspondence which you presented to this office for examination.

You are informed that the correspondence above referred to has been carefully examined, and nothing has been found therein which can be cited by this office as reason for Doctor Goldschmidt's deferring making his application for a visa at the appropriate American Consulate.

It is presumed, from your previous experience in matters of this kind, that you are aware that Dr. Goldschmidt should be provided with a birth certificate, in duplicate, a passport, and a prison and military record, also in duplicate, or evidence setting out the information conclusively why such documents are not available. It appears in the correspondence that Dr. Goldschmidt will have no difficulty in establishing the fact that certain of these documents are not available.

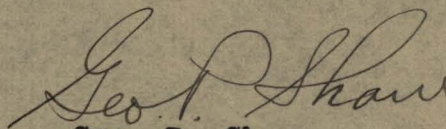
The only point which arises in a preliminary consideration of this case, which is not entirely clear and satisfactory to this office, is the reason why Dr. Goldschmidt may not apply for his visa at the American Consulate nearest his present residence in New York - this would appear to be one of the Consulates in Canada. Inasmuch as, according to the

statement

statements made, Dr. Goldschmidt is now in the United States on a visitor's visa which will expire on January 29, 1936, and by virtue of which he may leave and return to the United States at will up to that time, the reason for his not being admitted to Canada for a temporary visit up to the date indicated is not clear to this office.

Further, it is not known that the Canadian Government has any regulation to the effect which prohibits foreigners entering that country on a temporary visit when they are provided with documents which will enable them to leave Canada and reenter the United States up to a certain date. Therefore, you are advised that this office does not feel at liberty to inform you that it can consider this application until it is definitely shown, by documentary evidence, that it is impossible for Dr. Goldschmidt to apply for a visa at the American Consulate nearest New York.

Very truly yours,



Geo. P. Shaw
American Consul

Enclosures:

Documents, herein above mentioned.

EDITORIAL PHONE, Drydock 4-8800

NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST, 30, 1933.

BUSINESS PHONE, Drydock 4-8800

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PROF. AND MRS. ALFONSE GOLDSCHMIDT Exiled from his fatherland, like his colleagues, Albert Einstein, Professor and Mrs. Goldschmidt arrive on the S.S. Gripsholm. He considers Germany's economic future bleak. (Photograph Service.)



Times Wide World Photo.

EXILED GERMAN PROFESSOR AND WIFE HERE.

Alfons Goldschmidt, former teacher in Economics at the University of Leipzig, who was driven out of his native land by the Nazis, as he arrived here yesterday with Frau Goldschmidt.

B'nai B'rith Installs

Urging humanity to war against Hitlerism, Alfons Goldschmidt, exiled German professor, attacked the Nazi regime in an address at ceremonies marking the initiation of 350 new members into District 1 of B'nai B'rith at Temple Emanuel, 1 East Sixty-fifth street, last night.

Professor Goldschmidt said: "Hitler preaches peace and prepares for war. He preaches for a larger population and diminishes it with wholesale murders. He talks of eliminating class war, and he is engaged in creating one of the bitterest class wars in history. Hitler talks of the general welfare of the people, but increases their misery."



(NEWS photo) FLEE FROM GERMANY.—Fleeing persecution of Hitler Government, Prof. and Mrs. Alfons Goldschmidt arrive on S.S. Gripsholm.

Daily News, August 30, 1933

New York - American
1933 27/Sept.

HITLERISM LAID TO DEBT LOAD

German fascism of the Hitler brand was born out of the despair of middle-class Germans who found themselves swamped by the war debt, Prof. Alfons Goldschmidt, one of the Jewish educators who was forced to flee the Fatherland, declared last night.

Prof. Goldschmidt was guest of honor and principal speaker at a dinner given at the Hotel Lissmore, in W. 73d st., by the American Committee Against Fascist Oppression in Germany. He said: "German Fascists promised the middle class, together with the poor peasants and workers, that they would abolish this terrible interest slavery and fulfill all sorts of other petty bourgeois desires, so millions marched back into the past with them."

He declared that German Fascism has been compelled by its own philosophy to be brutal, and that this brutality will increase as its inevitable failure becomes apparent.

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