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August 13th, 1936.

FOREIGN CENTRAL OFFICE  
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 PARIS, FRANCE

Mrs. Eddie Blacher  
 Palace Drug  
 Box 1276  
 Midland, Tex.

Dear Mrs. Blacher:

We have your communication with the enclosed affidavits but regret to inform you that you probably misunderstood our letter with the enclosed memorandum. We distinctly said in our letter that you must attach to the affidavits such financial statements as indicated in the enclosed memorandum. Although you sent us the affidavits, you failed to enclose the financial statements. We are sending you a copy of your affidavit. Please send with this paper such financial statements corroborating with the statements you made in the affidavit.

With reference to the affidavits drawn by Barbara Blacher, we are returning all her statements. The note mark should not be inserted. That part should be left blank. The same thing applies to her affidavits regarding the corroborating financial statements. We are enclosing new affidavits for the declarant.

Very sincerely yours,

Alexander L. Shluger.

SW.

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## United States of America

State of Texas  
 City of Midland  
 County of Midland } ss:

Eddie Blacher  
 age 31 being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he is a resident of the State of Texas residing at  
in the Borough of  
 County of Midland and City of Midland

That he is a CITIZEN, as evidenced by his Naturalization Certificate No. 5541518  
 issued by Federal District Court Paris, Reeves County, Texas  
 on September 22nd, 1930

That dependent on him for support are wife, Barbara Blacher

That ~~he is owner and operator of a drug store in Midland, Midland County,~~  
 (State business or occupation, location, earnings, investments, savings, etc.)  
~~Texas with assets amounting to \$10,000.00 with an average annual income of~~  
~~from \$3000.00 to \$3800.00~~

That he is and always has been a law-abiding citizen, and has not at any time been convicted of any crime or misdemeanor. That he does not belong to nor is he in any wise connected with any group or organization whose principles are contrary to organized government.

That he is the brother-in-law of Chaim Bartnowski  
 (Relationship)

now residing at Swisloes, Poland

who desire to come to the United States to join him and the rest of the family, and whom he is most anxious to bring over.

That he does hereby promise, agree and guarantee that he will properly receive and take care of them, and that he will at no time allow them or either of them to become public charges to any community or municipality, and he does further promise and agree that those of his relatives who are under seventeen years of age will be sent to the public schools, and will not be permitted to work until they reach that age.

That this petition and affidavit is made by him for the purpose of inducing the United States representative abroad to grant a visa to himself Chaim Bartnowski

knowing full well that the United States representative abroad will rely upon the representation herein, made by him under oath, to the truth.

I, Joseph A. Seymour, a  
 Notary Public, duly commissioned, do hereby certify that this affidavit was sworn to before me

this 6th day of August, 1936, and  
 that affiant herein mentioned has exhibited to me  
 the naturalization certificate above mentioned, and  
 that he has satisfactorily established to me his  
 identity

(SEAL)

Notary Public.

Eddie Blacher



APPLICATION  
FOR AN IMMIGRATION VISE

To the AMERICAN CONSUL at the nearest  
place of residence.

United States of America

State of Texas  
City of Midland  
County of Midland } ss:

Barbara Blacher

age 22 being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That <sup>s</sup>he is a resident of the State of Texas residing at  
in the Borough of  
County of Midland and City of Midland

That he is a DECLARANT, as evidenced by his declaration of intention No.  
issued by Court of  
on

That he arrived in the United States at the port of New York on S.S. Kosciuska  
of Gdynia-American Line, on March 17th 1935 and that he has continuously  
resided in the United States.

That he obtained his Vise at the American Consulate at Warsaw on January 4th 1935

That he is employed as a housewife (wife of Eddie Blacher, a naturalized citizen)  
with located at  
City of Midland State of Texas That he earns \$3000 to 3500.00  
per <sup>year</sup> ~~week~~, and that he has savings amounting to \$

That he is and always has been a law-abiding inhabitant, and has not at any time been convicted of any crime or misdemeanor. That he does not belong to nor is he in any wise connected with any group or organization whose principles are contrary to organized government. That it is his earnest intention to remain in the United States, and to become a full-fledged citizen of this country.

That <sup>s</sup>he is the sister of Chaim Bartnowski

now residing at Swisloez, Poland

who desire to come to the United States to join him and the rest of the family, and whom he is most anxious to bring over.

That he does hereby promise, agree and guarantee that he will properly receive and take care of them, and that he will at no time allow them or either of them to become public charges to any community or municipality, and he does further promise and agree that those of his relatives who are under sixteen years of age will be sent to the public schools, and will not be permitted to work until they reach that age.

That this petition and affidavit is made by him for the purpose of inducing our representative abroad to issue a visa to Chaim Bartnowski

knowing full well that our representative abroad will rely upon the representations herein, made by him under oath, to be the truth.

I, Joseph A. Seymour, a  
Notary Public, duly commissioned, do hereby  
certify that this affidavit was sworn to before me

this 3rd day of December 1935, and  
that affiant herein mentioned has exhibited to me  
the declaration of intention above mentioned, and  
that he has satisfactorily established to me his  
identity

Barbara Blacher



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That he is the sister of Chaim Bartowski

now residing at Swisloca, Poland

who desire to come to the United States to join him and the rest of the family, and whom he is most anxious to bring over.

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certify that this affidavit was sworn to before me

this 3rd day of December 1935, and  
that affiant herein mentioned has exhibited to me  
the declaration of intention above mentioned, and  
that he has satisfactorily established to me his  
identity. Joseph A. Seymour

Barbara Blacher





September 27, 1937.

Mrs. Eddie Blacker,  
%Palace Drug Co.,  
Midland, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Blacker:-

I am in receipt of your Yiddish letter, and after having it translated to me, I wish to state as follows:-

It is impossible to give you any advice with reference to your brother until I get a full history of the case. You say that you tried to get him in. It will be necessary for you to let me know how and when and where. Is the boy at present going to school? If so, he could be admitted as a student, providing you agree to send him to an accredited school. In any event you must have affidavits drawn up signed by your husband and self.

If you can use the same method as that set out by the Prager's, I would advise that you and your husband come to El Paso and have our Secretary draw up the affidavits and work out a possible means to get this case through. We are always anxious to give our service.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.

FZ:LG



# PALACE DRUG CO.

108 SO. MAIN

PHONE 38

MIDLAND, TEXAS

October 10, 1937

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
Field Executive,  
El Paso, Texas  
Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

I was glad to receive your letter of September 27th, and appreciate the interest you have shown in my brother and myself.

If it is possible I would like to talk with you more about this Tuesday, October 12th, at 4 P.M. as I will be in El Paso at that time.

Thanking you in advance for this appointment, I am

Very truly yours,  
Mrs Eddie Blacher  
Midland, Texas

*Mrs Eddie Blacher*

# MIDLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*W. W. Lackey, Superintendent*

MIDLAND, TEXAS

October 13, 1937

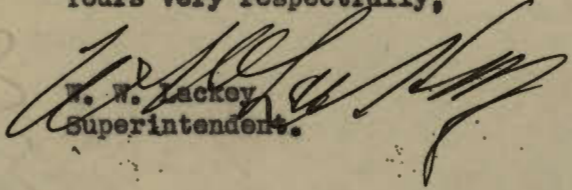
*Office of the*  
SUPERINTENDENT

United States Consul  
Warsaw, Poland.

Honored Sir:

We understand that the brother and sister of Chaim Bartnowski, who now lives in Swislocz, Poland, desire to bring him to America and place him in school. We know well the brother and sister, and this is to state that we will be willing to admit the boy into our schools in Midland.

Yours very respectfully,

  
W. W. Lackey  
Superintendent.



# PALACE DRUG CO.

108 SO. MAIN      PHONE 38

MIDLAND, TEXAS

October 27th, 1937

Mrs Zloblvsky

1018 Olive St.

El Paso Tex.

Dear Mrs Zlobovsky:

I am sorry it has been such a long time getting these papers to you but I just received the last ones today.

I am inclosing the recommendations, my brothers school report and the tax receipts. Below is some more data you asked for.

My brother Chain Bortnowski was born May 16, 1921 at Swislocz.

My father Mowsza Bortnowski born 1873

My mother Pesza Bortnowski Born 1880 maiden name Pesza Pelec

My paternal grandfather Abram Bortnowski

My Paternal grandmother Liba Bortnowski (Liba Vornen)

My maternal grandfather Mowsza Pelec

My maternal grandmother Rochela Pelec

I am inclosing check for \$10.00 to cover secretarial work. Please let me know if everything is satisfactory and if there is anything else I should do.

Yours very truly,

*Mrs Eddie  
Blacher*

EL PASO SECTION

# National Council of Jewish Women

EL PASO, TEXAS

October 29, 1937.



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1016 Olive St.

Mrs. Max Mayer, *Treasurer*  
801 Cincinnati St.

Mrs. Sol Goldfarb,  
*Corresponding Secretary*  
El Paso Nat'l Bank Bldg.

Reverend Joseph Kaufman,  
1529 East 172nd Street,  
Bronx, New York.

Dear Sir:-

It has recently come to my attention that you are a relative of Chaim Bartnowski, living at Swislocz, Poland. The sister of this young man has appealed to us to assist her in securing documents which will enable the young man to come to the United States to make his home with her in Midland, Texas.

Would it be possible for you to send an affidavit of support with documentary evidence attached to strengthen the case? If so, please send these documents directly to us, as we are handling all the papers before submission to the Consul in Poland.

Trusting you will find it possible to assist us in this matter, and thanking you, I am

Yours very truly,

*Frank Zlabovsky*  
Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.

FZ:LG



October 29, 1937.

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Trusting you will find it possible to assist us in this matter, and thanking you, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.

FZ:LG

October 29, 1937.

Mrs. Eddie Blacher,  
108 S. Main Street,  
Midland, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Blacher:-

I am just in receipt of your letter  
of the 27th inst., with check, and wish to thank  
you for same.

However, you state that you are enclosing  
the necessary documents. These documents were not  
enclosed, and I would appreciate your rushing them  
to me so that I can complete the affidavits.

Thanking you for your prompt attention,

I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.

FZ:LG



*Please receive this letter as your  
own stationery*

Midland, Texas,  
November 1, 1937.

To the Honorable American Consul,  
Warsaw, Poland.

Dear Sir:-

The originals of the inclosed documents will be presented to you by our brother, Chaim Bartnowski, who will apply to you for a quota number and visa to permanently enter the United States.

It is our desire to have our brother, above mentioned, to come to the United States and make his home with us in Midland, Texas. Our reason for appealing to you is because we wish to give him the advantages of a higher education and the privileges of religious and political freedom.

We are well able to receive and care for him, and guarantee that he will never become a public charge.

Thanking you for your favorable consideration,  
we are

Yours very truly,

Barbara Bartnowski Blacher

Eddie Blacher

November 1, 1937.

Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Blacher,  
108 S. Main Street,  
Midland, Texas.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Blacher:-

I am in receipt of letters of recommendation, all of which are very good, but not sufficient to make the proper presentation to the Consul. They require facts about your financial status. Your tax receipts are inadequate. I would therefore suggest that you appeal to the Tax Assessor and ask him to make a notarized statement of the property and the assessments on all your possessions. I must also have your income tax report for the past year. The letters from the bank make no mention of your deposits. It is absolutely necessary that you show a fair balance incorporated in the bank letter. You must also have a Dun & Bradstreet's report.

If you will get the above mentioned papers and re-write the letter enclosed on your own stationery signing same as shown on the letter before a Notary, also sign the enclosed affidavits, and return them to me, I will assemble all the papers.

A suggestion which will carry weight is that you place \$1,000.00 to the credit of this boy's account in your bank for his educational expense upon his arrival in the United States and a letter from the bank to support this transfer. I would strongly suggest that you take this measure and think it will expedite matters with the American Consul.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.



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November 1, 1937.

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We are well able to receive and care for him, and guarantee that he will never become a public charge.

Thanking you for your favorable consideration,  
we are

Yours very truly,

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Barbara Bartnowski Blacher

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Eddie Blacher

JOSEPH A. SEYMOUR

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

BOX 486

MIDLAND, TEXAS

November 19th, 1937

National Council of Jewish Women  
1016 Olive Street  
El Paso, Texas

Attention: Mrs. Zlobovsky

Dear Madame,-

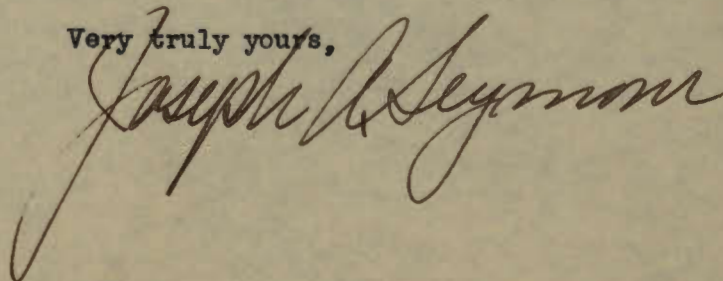
In connection with the application for admission into the United State of Chaim Bartnowski from Poland, Mrs. Barbara Blacher, his sister has asked me to explain that the attached papers show the school record of the said Chaim Bartnowski and a statement from the chief governing officer of his district indicating that his morals are good and that he is a law abiding citizen.

Under date of Nov. 17th Dun & Bradstreet have informed Mr. Blacher that they carry no financial report on him as an individual, and that if they did it would be necessary for them to forward such a report direct to the American Consul. Under date of Nov. 16th I wrote Dun & Bradstreet asking them to send an attested statement direct to me but have not yet had time to hear from. Their reply to me will probably be the same as they sent Mr. Blacher.

While I am not familiar with the requirements of the department in matters of immigration I believe the financial showing made by Mr. Blacher in the affidavits from bank officials and taxing authorities of this city should be sufficient, especially since any financial rating given by Dun & Bradstreet is based almost entirely on guess and conjecture.

Mr. Blacher informs me that he will place a deposit of \$1000.00 to the applicant's credit in a local bank if necessary when it is indicated that he will be admitted to The United States.

Very truly yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Joseph A. Seymour". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.



December 1, 1937.

Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Blacher,  
Midland, Texas.

Dear Friends:-

Inclosed are two envelopes, one to be sent to the American Consul in Warsaw, the latter already addressed, and the other goes to your brother. You will please write the following instructions to him:

To attache to the inclosed documents a birth certificate; the original and duplicate,

A letter from the Police Department, and a valid affidavit.

With all of these documents tell him to present himself to the American Consul in Warsaw and appeal to the said Consul to grant him a visa.

It would perhaps carry weight if you would deposit \$100 to the credit of this young man's account for his use upon his arrival in the United States. If such a measure is possible, get a letter from the bank to that effect and attach it under the first letter of the documents to be mailed to the American Consul. I would further suggest that you send all of this airmail registered to both your brother and the American Consul.

If there is any additional information you may desire, please call on me.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.

FZ:LG  
(ENCs)

December 8, 1937.

Mrs. Eddie Blacher,  
108 So. Main Street,  
Midland, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Blacher:-

I am in receipt of your postal card of the 4th inst., and cannot understand why you have not received the papers sent you. On December 1st, I mailed you a package consisting of a letter of instructions and two separate envelopes, one addressed to the American Consul and the other to your brother, airmail registered.

If for any reason these papers have not as yet been received, please notify me at once, and I will have them traced by the Post Office Department.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.

LG:S



MIDLAND COUNTY COURT HOUSE, MIDLAND, TEXAS



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THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGES

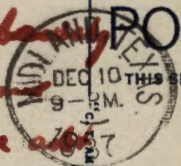
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Dear Mrs Globowsky

I received your  
letter to day you ask  
whether I received  
the papers? yes I  
received them all  
and have sent them  
just like you instructed  
me to do I have  
appreciate all you have  
done thanks very much  
yours very truly  
Mrs Eddie Black

POST CARD

THIS SPACE FOR ADDRESS ONLY



Mrs Globowski  
1016 Olive St  
El Paso  
Tex





PETROLEUM BUILDING, MIDLAND, TEXAS

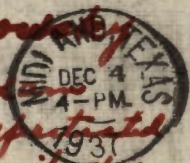


THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGES

Mrs Zlobovsky

Dear Madam  
I would appreciate  
very much if you  
would let me know  
if you received all  
the papers that I  
sent you: and if  
there is anything else  
that I can do please  
let me know

Yours very truly  
Mrs Eddie Blum



"C.T. AMERICAN ART" REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.

POST CARD

THIS SPACE FOR ADDRESS ONLY



Mrs Zlobovsky  
1016 Olive St  
El Paso  
Tex



April 27, 1938.

Mrs. Eddie Blachera  
108 So. Main Street,  
Midland, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Blacher:-

I would very much appreciate your  
advising me whether or not you were successful  
in getting the necessary visa for your brother's  
entry into the United States.

Thanking you for the courtesy of a  
reply, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.

LG:S

PALACE DRUG CO.

108 SO. MAIN . PHONE 38

MIDLAND, TEXAS

4/28/38

Dear Mrs Globovsky.

I received your letter today asking me whether my brother received the visa: no he has not the Consul wrote him that our surety wasent big enough so my husband deposit to his name \$2,500 and we send him a letter from the bank showing the deposit and we told him to write to the Consul. Do you know of anything else we can do I shure would appreciate your advising me

your friend  
Mrs Eddie Black



May 6, 1938.

Mrs. Eddie Blacher,  
108 So. Main Street,  
Midland, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Blacher:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th ult., and contents noted.

At the time your papers were sent you, I recommended that you make a deposit in favor of your brother, which apparently you failed to do. The letter from the bank should have gone direct to the Consul General in Warsaw, Poland, and from your letter I judge it was sent to your brother.

I would advise at this time that you write direct to the American Consul General in Warsaw, Poland, asking him to please give your brother's application favorable consideration. Send this letter airmail registered, and enclose coupons for return airmail reply. You can get those coupons at the Post Office.

Please keep me posted.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,

FZ:LG

July 11th, 1938

Mrs. Eddie Blacher  
Midland, Texas

Dear Mrs. Blacher:-

The reason for the delay in answering your letter is because I neither read Polish nor Yiddish and had to seek translation for which I paid one dollar. You should have no difficulty in meeting the requirements of the American Consul.

Numbers 2, 3, ~~and 4~~ pertain to your financial past and present and it is necessary that you furnish documentary evidence showing your business dealings and income and a statement from the bank showing your deposits and drawings for the past year.

Number 9 is asking for your income tax return certified by the collector of internal revenue. You should have no difficulty in securing such a document from the Treasury Department. Number 4 asks about what financial support your brother has received from you. If you have given him any support you would naturally have cancelled bank checks or receipts of postal money orders which you can send to the boy to present to the American Consul.

It would expedite matters if you will write to me in English and if you will have further Polish documents send them to me in translation. If I can help you further in this matter please let me know. Please send check for \$1 to cover translation charges.

Yours truly,

FZ:BG

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky



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MIDLAND, TEXAS

Sept. 14, 1938

Mrs. Zlovovsky

El Paso, Tex.

Dear Mrs. Zlobovsky;

I have not written you in some time as I had nothing but today I received a letter saying my brother had been turned down because he did not have sufficient guarantee. We already have \$2500 on deposit for him in the bank and would you please write the Consul as soon as possible and find out how much is expected.

His papers will expire soon and in six months he will have to sign up for the army so what ever can be done has to be done soon. How do I renew his papers?

Would it be any easier or quicker if we tried to get him in as a tourist and then after he was over we could find some legal way for him to stay.

I am inclosing an addresses and stamped envelope to the Consull and I would appreciate it if you would write immediately and also tell him that we would be able to take care of him if he was over here, and to please OK his Visa.

Yours very truly, Mrs Eddie Blacke

September 21, 1938.

Re: Chaim Bartnowski  
Swislocz, Poland.

To the  
Honorable American Consul,  
Warsaw, Poland.

Dear Sir:

In a recent letter from Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Blacher, of Midland, Texas, they asked this office to intercede in behalf of their brother, for whom they made application for entry into the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Blacher are well known to this office as honorable and dependable people, and we wish to assure you that they will comply with their obligations as set forth in their affidavit, which no doubt you have in your files.

In appealing for favorable consideration in this case, it is to insure the happiness of Mrs. Blacher who is much concerned over the welfare of her brother. They plan to educate him and make a worth-while future citizen of him, having already set aside a fund of \$2500 on deposit in the Bank of Midland, for his use.

We are informed that quota numbers are not available at this time, which may not apply to this case, but if it does, would it be possible to give this boy a Student's visa to enable him to go to school in the United States?

Thanking you for your early advice, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.

FZ:LG



Midland, Texas.  
September 23rd, 1938.

Mrs. Zlozsky,  
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Zlozsky:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of letter which has been written today to Honorable R. E. Thomason by Colonel John Perkins, a lawyer of Midland.

He feels certain that Mr. Thomason will be very glad to render any assistance that he can and we are requesting that you be kind enough to call on Mr. Thomason for that assistance.

Midland, Texas  
September 30, 1938

P.S.

I have made out all the necessary papers that have been requested from the American Consul.

We have added \$2,500.00 more, which makes a total of \$5,000.00 in my brother's name, so please get in touch with the Congressman and I am sure he will be of great assistance to you.

I am sending you the duplicate of the Congressman's letter. Please call on him. He will be expecting you.

I am sure you are well acquainted with my brother's case and you will know what to advise him to do. I would certainly appreciate your immediate attention because he has already wasted so much time and especially under the circumstances now existing in Europe.

I would greatly appreciate an answer from you as I was very disappointed when I didn't get a reply to my last letter.

I would consider it a personal favor if the Congressman would write a letter to the American Consul in Warsaw .

Your Friend,

Mrs. Edw. Black



WHITAKER, PERKINS & TURPIN  
MIDLAND, TEXAS

September 23rd, 1938.

In Re: Chaim Bartnowski, a Citizen  
of Poland-Entrance into the  
United States as a student.

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Honorable R. E. Thomason,  
United States Congressman,  
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Ewing:

The above named young man is the brother of Mrs. Eddie Blacher of Midland, Texas. The young man has been trying to come to America to attend school, he being now seventeen years of age. He has made two applications and was rejected on the first application because of insufficient security. Following this Mr. Eddie Blacher put up \$2500.00 in cash to guarantee the expense which the young man would incur while living here and attending school. It seems that this amount was not considered sufficient and his entrance was again rejected.

Mr. Blacher agrees to put up additional security for this purpose.

We are writing you requesting that you render every assistance you can in securing the admission of the young man, and in this connection we are asking Mrs. Zlovsky of El Paso, Texas, who has been conducting the correspondence on behalf of the young man to call on you and solicit your assistance.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Blacher are citizens of Midland, and Eddie is the owner of the Palace Drug Store. He is a good citizen, attends to his own business, and is well thought of by all of us who know him. His wife is an estimable lady, and the acquaintance which we have is very favorable.

We assure you that we will appreciate any assistance you can give.

Yours Sincerely,

JP/rs

JOHN PERKINS.



October 3, 1938.

Mrs. Eddie Blacher  
Midland, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Blacher:-

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst., and wish to inform you that on September 17th I wrote the American Consul in behalf of your brother. In this letter I appealed to him that should quota numbers be unavailable at this time, to grant a change of status and permit him to come to the United States on a Student's visa.

As soon as I hear from the American Consul, I will notify you. I will call on Congressman R. E. Thomason in the near future.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.

FZ:LG

FILE NO. 811.11-Bortnowski, Chaim  
ETB/kg



THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL

Warsaw, Poland, October 20, 1938.

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

Madam:

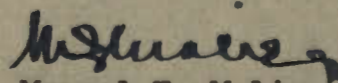
The Consulate General acknowledges the receipt of your letter of September 21, 1938, referring to the immigration visa case of Mr. Chaim Bortnowski.

The records of the Consulate General show that Mr. Bortnowski is registered as an intending immigrant of the nonpreference category, and has submitted the personal documents required by Section 7(c) of the Immigration Act of 1924, which appear to be in order. He has not, however, been invited to call in person to execute a formal visa application, since the evidence now on file does not establish his admissibility to the United States under the provision of Section 3 of the Immigration Act of 1917 which excludes persons who are likely to become public charges.

The Consulate General has recently written to Mr. Bortnowski suggesting that he submit a copy of Mr. Eddie Blacher's last income tax return, certified by the appropriate collector of internal revenue or the Treasury Department as a true copy of the return filed, and a credit report of Mr. Blacher's business, prepared by a reputable mercantile agency.

If Mr. Blacher wishes to submit more definite evidence concerning his income and financial resources, either in response to the suggestions which have been made in this letter or evidence of another nature, the Consulate General will give Mr. Bortnowski's case further consideration.

Very truly yours,

  
Marcel E. Malige  
American Consul



November 8, 1938.

Mrs. Eddie Blacher,  
Midland, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Blacher:-

I am just in receipt of a reply from the Consulate General, Warsaw, Poland, and he asks for the following papers:

A copy of Mr. Blacher's last income tax return certified by the Collector of Internal Revenue, or the Treasury Department, and a

Credit Report of Mr. Blacher's business, prepared by a mercantile agency, such as Dun & Bradstreet.

He also suggests that you submit more definite evidence concerning the income and financial resources. A letter from the bank and a statement showing your deposits and withdrawals for the past six months will carry weight. Send these papers to me, and I will forward them to the American Consul with another letter.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,

FZ:LG



Midland, Texas  
November 10, 1938

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mrs. Zlavobsky:

I received your letter and all the papers requested by the Consulate General, Warsaw, Poland had been forwarded to him several days before receiving your letter.

The copy of Mr. Blacher's last Income tax return certified by the Collector of Internal Revenue at Dallas and also the Credit Report of Mr. Blacher's business, prepared by Dun and Bradstreet of Fort Worth, Texas was forwarded by themselves straight to the Consulate General in Warsaw.

More money has been added to the account put up in my brother's name, and I sincerely hope this is all the information necessary, as I am very anxious to have him here.

Perhaps a personal letter from you to the Consulate General will help considerably.

I would consider it a personal favor if you will acknowledge this letter.

Sincerely

*Mrs. Edna Blacher*

November 19, 1938.

Re: 811.11 Bartnowski, Chaim.

Honorable Marcel E. Malige,  
American Consul,  
Warsaw, Poland.

Upon receipt of your letter of October 20th, I wrote Mrs. Eddie Blacher, sister of the boy we are interested in.

She now informs me that the additional documents required as outlined in your letter have been forwarded direct to you.

Trusting with this information you will now be in position to accept the application of Chaim Bartnowski favorably, and grant him a visa to enter the United States so that he may further his education and make his home with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Blacher, I am

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.

FZ:LG

El Paso, Texas,  
December 1st, 1939.

Mrs. Eddie Blacher,  
Midland, Texas.

For Services rendered (Chaim Bartnowski case) ..... \$75.00

In view of the fact this case has come to a successful termination,  
I will appreciate a check for the above by return mail.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
1016 Olive Street.



Dec 2, 1939

Mrs. Frank Zlabowsky  
1016 Olive St  
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mrs Zlabowsky,

I am in receipt of a statement for \$75.00 "for services rendered". I would appreciate your advising me the nature of the services rendered.

I paid you \$10.00 for making out the affidavits, which seems to me was sufficient for "services rendered".

During my visit with you there was nothing said about any charges other than the one I paid. As a matter of fact, I had hired a lawyer to take care of all correspondence for me. The only help that I had in bringing <sup>my</sup> brother to this country was through the HIAS in New York.

Trusting that the "bill" was sent in error, I remain

Very truly yours

Mrs. Eddie Blacher

El Paso, Texas,  
December 4, 1939.

Mrs. Eddie Blacher,  
Midland, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Blachers:

In acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst., I wish to state that statement rendered was not in error. The \$10.00 sent originally did not even cover the expense involved such as stenographic service, photostats, postage, etc.

When you first called upon me for consultation and asked me to handle your brother's case, it was after your own attorneys and other Organizations had failed. At that time you distinctly said that you would send me a check when the case was completed. I was very much hurt when you did not even give me the courtesy of writing when your brother arrived. It was through the American Consul in Warsaw that I received notification that the visa had been issued to your brother.

My file shows that it was due to my advice and efforts that the American Consul in Warsaw accepted your brother's application. As a matter of fact I have letters in my possession from your attorneys asking my advice in the culmination of the case.

Therefore I feel that statement for services rendered is in order. By way of information, I wish to say that this money will be used for those who are less fortunate than your brother.

Thanking you to let check come forward, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zhabovsky.



PALACE DRUG CO.

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PHONE 38

MIDLAND, TEXAS

July - 13

Dear Mrs Globowsky

Enclosed you will please  
find a dollar which I  
think you very much for your  
trouble.

I started working on the  
papers to-day, and I hope  
that this time everything will  
work out all-right.

Yours very truly  
Mrs Edna Blocher



- ② You should get and send in, certified receipts showing every sum of money deposited and drawn during the past year, regarding all bank accounts of Edward Blacher.
- ③ You should get <sup>and send in</sup> a report from a Credit Association Bureau containing detailed information as to Edward Blacher's business dealings and income.
- ④ You should get from the U.S. some form of receipt regarding any financial support you may have received in the past from Edward Blacher.
- ⑤ You should send in a copy of Edward Blacher's Income Tax Return certified by the Collector of Internal Revenue, or the Division of the Treasury Department.

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למחיר פ.א.ל.

אונזאט איך האב נישט געקויפט

ביר יענע מיט, וואו איך האב קיין  
נישט געקויפט נישט געקויפט.

איך האב געקויפט געקויפט וואו פריי

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מאל נאך פייפיינד.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

REGARDING APPLICATION FOR IMMIGRATION VISAS

In addition to affidavits of support, American Consuls usually require corroborative proof of the statements contained in the affidavits, in connection with applications for immigration visas:

Some of the documents asked for are:

- 1) If in business, a statement from Dun and Bradstreet and a certified auditor's statement, indicating income, investment, assets, liabilities, etc.
- 2) If employed, a letter from the employer, witnessed by a notary public, indicating the occupation, salary, how long employed, the permanency of the position and general responsibility.
- 3) Statements from life insurance companies as to amounts of insurance carried and their cash surrender value.
- 4) If monetary help was sent to the person or persons in whose behalf the affidavit is made, a statement from the bank listing the remittances.
- 5) Statements from banks, showing savings, when accounts were opened, listing the deposits and withdrawals - and statements from commercial banks showing available credits, the discharge of obligations, etc.
- 6) If income taxes paid, proof thereof.
- 7) If possessing real property, tax receipts.
- 8) Proof of relationship to person or persons abroad. Statements from two individuals certifying as to the relationship and witnessed by a notary public, are acceptable.
- 9) Letters of recommendation from prominent citizens, organizations affiliated with, business men, testifying as to character and responsibility.
- 10) A letter addressed to the American Consul asking for favorable consideration of the application for the visa, summarizing the reasons why the applicant will not become a public charge, if admitted; and indicating the extent of assuming the responsibility for support, i.e., whether temporarily or indefinitely, and in what way.

The foregoing is merely an indication of the kind of evidence which has been found useful. As many of the above statements possible should be obtained and attached to affidavits of support.



REV. JOSEPH KAUFMAN  
1549 E. 172 ST. Bronx, N.Y.

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*El Paso Section*



National Council of Jewish Women  
1016 Olive Street  
*El Paso, Texas*

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