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PERSONAL AFFIDAVIT

HANS KARPEL, being duly sworn on oath deposes and says:
That he was born in Lissau, Germany (now Poland) on July 13, 1899; that he is now 37 years of age; that he resided with his wife, Ilse Karpel at Hindenburgerstrasse 87, Berlin Germany until about August 1, 1936, when he came to the United States as a visitor; that he has no dependents as his wife has a private income from her profession as teacher of music; that his approximate net worth in Germany is 10,000 marks; that he has on deposit in a bank in Chicago the sum of $519.00.

That he attended school for ten years; that he was employed by Kary & Gerson of Breslau, Germany as a buyer of grain, feed and allied products from 1916 to 1926; that he was employed as buyer of grains by E. Kampffmeier, Berlin, Germany from about 1926 to 1931; that he started his own business under the trade name of Karpel & Company, Berlin in about 1931; that he was forced to discontinue his business because of the political conditions in Germany, whereby Aryans are forbidden to sell merchandise to non-Aryans; that because of the fact that he is unable to establish himself in the country of his birth, he begs for permission to emigrate to the United States for permanent residence; that his wife is in perfect accord with his emigrating to the United States.

Affiant says that he has always been a law abiding resident, never convicted of any crime or misdemeanor, nor is he in anywise
connected with any group or individual whose principles are contrary to organized government.

Affiant also takes this means to assure the American Consul that he will make every effort to become a responsible American citizen.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of Feb., 1937.

Commission Expires 7-27-38
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Notary Public

Commission Expires 7-27-38
February 10, 1937

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

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

Your letter of the 6th was indeed encouraging. As previously stated, the conditions have not changed at the Canadian border. We have sent clients who had a letter from the Department of Immigration & Colonization, granting them permission to enter Canada and then were rejected by the inspector at the border. Then this happens, the case has to be taken up with Washington which means a delay of several weeks, to say nothing of what it does to the client.

We are sending Mr. Karpel's documents to you and if you think they are satisfactory, will you please take them to the American Consul for preexamination. If you find the documents satisfactory, we would appreciate your letting us know by wire or air mail at our expense.

Mr. Karpel will bring his passport, police certificate from Chicago and his photographs with him.

As his extension of stay will expire on the 12th of March, (2nd extension), we would appreciate your giving this immediate attention.

Sincerely yours,

Elsa M. Weinshenk
Field Secretary
February 15, 1937

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

My dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

Mr. Karpel expects to leave Chicago this evening and he has received full instructions as to what to do upon his arrival in El Paso. In all likelihood you will hear from him on Wednesday.

We hope that you will be successful in helping him secure his permanent visa.

Many many thanks for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Elsa M. Weinshenk
Field Secretary

EMW: CS
February 25, 1937.

Mrs. Elsa M. Weinshenk,
324 S. Halstead,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Weinshenk:

Re: Hans Karpel.

It gives me pleasure to inform you that Mr. Karpel has been legally admitted into the United States, and is now on his way to California. Thanks for the tip.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,
Field Executive.