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May 15, 1937.

Mrs. V. Froelicher,  
208 Crest Road,  
Ridgewood, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Froelicher:-

I am in receipt of the documents in reference to the case of Miss Alexander Katz.

While I have examined these papers, there is nothing to give me a history of the case. When, where and how did she come into the United States, and for what period of time? Lady Phipps recommendation as a Governess would bar her from entry under the labor law, whereas a domestic does not come under that law.

Your third paragraph in your letter to the Consul should be omitted. From the many police records, I judge that Miss Katz has travelled extensively in the East. A question will arise since she was so near the Canadian Border, why didn't she apply to the American Consul in Canada? In addition to the many papers you have sent, she requires not less than two affidavits guaranteeing against her becoming a public charge. These affidavits should be accompanied by documentary evidence. I shall hold these papers until I hear from you further.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.

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208 Crest Road  
Ridgewood, New Jersey.

May 19th, 1937

Hon. George P. Shaw,  
American Consul,  
Ciudad, Juarez,  
Chihuahua, Mexico.

Honorable Sir:

I am writing to you today in behalf of Miss Gabriele Alexander Katz who has been visiting in the U. S. since December 6th, 1936 and whom I would like to engage as my general house worker.

I have a 11 room house of my own where I live with my family. I have five children and consequently a lot of work. For that reason I would be glad if Miss Alexander Katz could come very soon. I will give her \$70.00 a month.

Because of the personal interest I take in Miss Alexander Katz I am also willing to send personal affidavit in behalf of her, accompanied by the required documents. Miss Alexander Katz comes from a very good family in Germany and has studied in a German Gymnasium, which she did not finish because of the fact that she would not be allowed to study in Germany. After leaving school she has taken training in household work and has also worked in various families as domestic. Therefore she is well qualified in assisting me in my many household duties. Because of her fine cultural background she also fits well into our family. We are willing to offer her our home as long as she wants to stay with us. We have a private home also in Sparta, N. J. where we spend the summer months, and we always take our help with us.

Miss Alexander Katz has been most highly recommended by various people in Germany for whom she worked before she came to the U.S. She is a very desirable person and I would be very grateful indeed if you would consider this worthy case favorably. Miss Katz will always have a home with our family and I will never allow her to become a public charge on the United States.

Hoping that you will be in a position to grant Miss Alexander Katz your kind assistance in her desire to become a citizen of this country, I beg to remain

Attested: Charles Weber,  
Notary Public-New Jersey.

Yours very gratefully,

Mrs. V. Froelicher.

This is an exact copy.

208 Crest Road  
Ridgewood, New Jersey

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Yours very gratefully

Mrs. V. Froelicher

208 Crest Road,  
Ridgewood, New Jersey.

May 24, 1937.

Honorable George P. Shaw,  
American Consul,  
Ciudad-Juarez,  
Chihuahua, Mexico.

Honorable Sir:-

I, Mrs. V. Froelicher residing at 208 Crest Road, Ridgewood, New Jersey, U. S. A., being duly sworn, - depose and say I was Naturalized a citizen of the United States on September 14, 1934 at Hackensack, N. J. I have resided in the United States since July 1924. The number of my citizenship certificate is 3792302 and I became acquainted with Miss Alexander-Katz soon after her arrival in the United States nearly five months ago.

I have known her as a trustworthy person of an absolutely reliable character. She comes from a highly cultured German family and has studied in Germany but could not continue her studies because of the Aryan laws.

Having the highest regard for her character, I offer her my home for as long as she wants to stay with our family. Since she has worked as a housekeeper in Germany, and being of a cultured family, she would fit very well into my household.

I am in every way in a position to take care of Miss Alexander-Katz and see to it that she will never become a public charge to this country. In order to prove that I am able to take care of Miss Alexander-Katz, I want to point out that my husband is employed with the Textile Dyeing Co. of America on a permanent basis. A statement of his employer is herewith attached, and I also enclose all the other documents to prove my ability to support her. Enclosed find a bank document, tax receipt and insurance policy.

I have always been a law-abiding citizen and have not at any time been charged with, or arrested for, any crime or misdemeanor.

I hereby promise, agree and guarantee that I will properly receive, take care of, and never at any time allow Miss Alexander-Katz to become a public charge on the United States or any community or municipality on the United States.

Very respectfully yours,

Mrs. V. Froelicher.

Attested: Charles Weber,  
Notary Public-New Jersey.

This is an exact copy.



## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

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May 28th, 1937

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
1916 Olive Street  
El Paso, Texas.

RE: Miss Gabriele Alexander Katz

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

Dr. Stephanus Herz of the Catholic Episcopal Committee for German Refugees, has sent me a copy of your telegram to them regarding Miss Katz. I don't exactly know what I can do about it and of course I know nothing regarding the case. I can't imagine why anybody sends clients for change of status without affidavits; that's a new one on me.

May I know why, though, it would be necessary for some one to go with Miss Katz, and thus incur an additional expense of \$150.00?

Sincerely yours,

Merle Henoch

Bureau of International Case Work.

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June 2, 1937.

Re: Miss Gabriele Alexander Katz.

Miss Nerle Henoch,  
1819 Broadway,  
New York, B. Y.

Dear Miss Henoch:-

In answer to my letter written to Mrs. Froelicher, Ridgewood, New Jersey, I received a reply from the Reverend Joseph Ostermann of the Catholic Episcopal Committee in which he gave a history of the above case making the statement that the extension for her stay in the United States expired May 26th.

The Mexican laws require that an applicant for a visa entering Mexico must deposit a bond of \$500 Pesos (\$140). They are also averse to admitting a young girl unaccompanied.

Since Miss Katz could not re-enter the United States after crossing the international bridge, it would be necessary for her to get legal entry into Mexico, and because of the nature of the history as set out in the letter I hesitated presenting that case to the American Consul in Juarez, Mexico fearing a refusal. I discussed the matter at some length with our National Board of Directors, Mrs. Max Mayer and she suggested that she would accompany the girl into the Interior of Mexico to secure her visa either in Mexico City or Monterrey, if Miss Katz would defray her expense.

On the 28th I received a wire from the Reverend Ostermann instructing me to immediately present Miss Katz's papers to Consul Shaw in Juarez, which I did, and can tell you confidentially that my fears were justified. He did not definitely refuse but expressed himself unfavorably about the case, and should he refuse she will be unable to

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apply to any other Consulate in Mexico.

The method I have been using has been to take the applicant for a visa, to see the sights in Juarez, Mexico, and while there introduce him or her to the Consul. We then return to El Paso to await the Consul's decision, if favorable, the applicant goes to Mexico to stay the 24 hours until the return cable arrives. This of course is not legal according to the Mexican laws, but we are not hindered when the applicant has sufficient time to enable him to return to the United States on his visitor's visa, but in the case as in Miss Katz's where she would be unable to return without re-application, we are compelled as stated before to get legal entry into our neighbor country.

I hope this explains fully the situation, as it exists in El Paso-Juarez. If you have any cases for application at this time, send them at once because our hindrance block, the Vice-Consul is on a thirty day leave.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.

FZ:LG



June 18, 1937.

Reverend Joseph Ostermann,  
Catholic Episcopal Committee for German Refugees,  
332 West 23rd Street,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Gabriele Alexander Katz.

In a conversation with Consul Shaw this morning, he advised me that that he had written Miss Katz telling her he finds no objection to her coming to this Border and filing her application. He also stated that he was expecting her soon.

I would suggest that she come immediately and get in touch with me upon her arrival in El Paso, when I will be pleased to assist her.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.

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July 1, 1937.

Re: Gabriele Alexander Katz.

Miss Cecelia Razovsky,  
221 West 57th Street,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Miss Razovsky:-

The Reverend Joseph Ostermann, Catholic Episcopal Committee at 332 West 23rd Street, New York referred the above case to me, and I received a letter from Merle Henoch for information with reference to this matter. I presume that Miss Henoch has my reply of June 2nd, which I would like you to see.

I have today been successful in having her application accepted and have sent a cable for her number.

This being a Catholic case, why do they send them to us instead of to their National Catholic Organization. I feel that it is a grave injustice to represent cases of this nature knowing that there are so many falsifications. It is true that I make no statement other than that which appears in the documents, but the Council of Jewish Women, (El Paso Section) has become a recognized factor, both at the Consulate in Juarez, Mexico and the Immigration Department at the Port of Entry and I feel that we jeopardize the faith placed in us by representing falsified statements.

Besides our own Jewish applicants need our support and they should get our consideration. It would be advisable that Mrs. Froelicher of 608 Crest Road, Ridgewood, N. J. should sign less affidavits. This is her third domestic affidavit.

Please destroy this letter as soon as reading same. I just want you to know the nature of cases sent to me. This is not for the files.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.

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Commonwealth 4873.

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12 Huntington Avenue.

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TRANSLATION.

Ministry of Justice. 13, place Vendome (1er arrt)-----  
Direction of Criminal Affaires. Central Judicial Register-----  
Bulletin No.3-----  
Extract from the Central Judicial Register, concerning the-----  
said: ALEXANDER-KATZ Gabrielle Angela,-----  
Condition:-----  
daughter of Ernest and Kathe Buki-----  
born on February 17, 1916 -----  
in Berlin-----  
Residence: 55 Pilgrim Road, Boston, Mass. U.S.-----  
Occupation: -----  
Nationality: German -----  
Dates of condemnations: -----  
Courts or tribunals: -----  
Nature of the crime or delinquency: -----  
Nature and length of the punishments: -----  
Remarks: -----  
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stamp: 7.50, delivery: 0.50, total price 10.50 -----  
Conformable to the original extract -----  
April 28, 1937 -----  
The Chief-Assistant of the Central Register: signature illegible-  
This copy is a true and certified translation of the original  
document attached.  
Boston, Mass. May 12, 1937.

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