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El Paso, Texas,  
July 27, 1937.

To the Honorables,  
American Consul,  
Kaunas, Lithuania.

Dear Sir:-

We are desirous of having our brother, Girsas Bendalim, join us in El Paso, Texas, to make his home with us. He is eager to make a scientific study of farming in the United States, and we are anxious to encourage him in that field. We stand ready to assist him in every way, and we hope you will grant him the necessary quota number and visa, which will enable him to join us.

Thanking you for your consideration, we are

Most respectfully,

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El Paso, Texas,  
July 27, 1937.

Dear Brother:

When you receive these papers, we want you to follow our instructions. You must get a passport and in order to do so you may tell the Lithuanian authorities that you are just going on a short visit to Germany or any other Country that may suit your purpose. You must also have a birth certificate, a police report and your military discharge. When you have those papers, you will attach them to the enclosed documents and present yourself to the American Consul in Kaunas, Lithuania. You will have to show that you have money of your own, about \$2,000.00 American money will be sufficient. When the Consul asks you what you intend to do, tell ~~xxxxx~~ him you are interested in farming and would like to make a scientific study in that field, that you have no intention of going to work since your brothers are well able to support you, besides having money of your own and that your parents are well to do and can always furnish you with necessary funds. You will also tell the Consul that in addition to your two brothers you have two sisters who are well to do, and living in El Paso, Texas; that it is your desire to be with your sisters and brothers. They will ask you if you are a communist, be sure that your answer is no. Tell him that you would like to become a citizen of a country like the United States which gives you religious and political freedom. Do not hesitate in giving your answers. Be straight-forward and to the point. I think with these instructions y and with the papers that you have to show the American Consul will be glad to look favorably upon your application.



THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
COUNTY OF EL PASO. }

Seymour Bendalin being duly sworn, on oath deposes and says:

That he is 33 years of age, married and his dependents are, his wife, Ida, a five year old daughter, and a two months old daughter.

That he is a naturalized citizen of the United States, having been granted naturalization in the Federal Court at El Paso County, Texas, on October 3, 1927; certificate No. 2642083.

That he is engaged in the Wholesale Paper and Notions business, located at 216 South Oregon Street, El Paso, Texas and a branch at Albuquerque, New Mexico. That his net worth is approximately \$20,000.00 and his income for the year 1936 exceeded \$4,000.00. That he owns his home at 1014 Kelley Way, El Paso, Texas, valued at \$5,500.00.

That it is his desire to have his brother, Girsas Bendalin (Bendalinas), age 24, now living in Siaidine, Lithuania, to come to the United States and make his home with him in El Paso, Texas.

That the said alien is interested in farming and wishes to make a scientific study in this field.

That the affiant is willing to support his brother, Girsas Bendalin if a Consular visa is given and if he is allowed to enter the United States. That he further guarantees that said immigrant will at no time become a public charge on any Community or Municipality of the United States, and that he is fully able and willing to assume this obligation.

In support of the above statements there is being furnished report from Dun & Bradstreet's of El Paso, Texas, income tax report, and letters from the bank.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
July, 1937.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public in and for  
El Paso County, Texas.



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
Ellis Island, New York Harbor, N.Y.

October 1, 1937

In replying please  
refer to File No.  
98524/385-G.O.117

Mr. S. Bendalin  
El Paso, Texas

Dear Sir:

Our records show that the following named  
person arrived on the SS Berengaria, May 6, 1936  
and was admitted for a period of 6 mos. destined  
to your address: LEBJUSHAITE, Dora

As no word has been received that the above  
person has left the country, it will be appreciated  
if you will advise whether such departure has taken  
place, giving us the date, manner, and port of depart-  
ture.

If the above named person has not left this  
country, will you please inform me of her present  
address?

Very truly yours,

*Byron H. Uhl*  
BYRON H. UHL  
District Director  
New York District

NOTE: Please return this letter with your reply.

HP

October 16, 1937.

U. S. Department of Labor,  
Immigration & Naturalization Service,  
Ellis Island, New York Harbor, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Re: File No. 98524/385-G.O.117  
LEBJUSHAITE, Dora.

Please be informed that the above  
subject departed from the United States into  
Mexico August 26, 1936 at the El Paso Port of  
Entry and was re-admitted at this same Port  
on a Quota number and visa August 27, 1936.

Trusting this is the information  
desired, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.

FZ:LG

June 30th, 1938

IMPORTANT

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

Subject: Bendalin Case

Dear Miss Henoch:-

The Queen Mary which enters  
New York port on July 4th, has as a  
passenger the above subject.

Please have our port worker  
take care of him and advise him about  
the trip to El Paso.

Very truly,

FZ:BG

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky

Dictated but not read.



El Paso, Texas,  
December 7th, 1938.

Mr. Seymour Bendalin,  
120 Durango Street,  
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Mr. Bendalin:

In accordance with our agreement,  
I would appreciate a check for services  
rendered several months ago.

I would very much appreciate your  
giving this your prompt attention.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
1016 Olive Street,  
El Paso, Texas.



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July 5th, 1938

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
 1016 Olive Street  
 El Paso, Texas

My dear Mrs. Zlabovsky: in re: Bendalin

Your letter dated June 30th, addressed to Miss Henoch, reached our office July 5th, a day after the Queen Mary arrived in New York.

We have checked through the records, and find that Mr. Girkas Bendalinas arrived on the Queen Mary yesterday, destined to Mr. S. Bendalin of 216 South Oregon Street, El Paso, Texas; and was met at the pier by a friend, Mr. Nathan Rosen of 41 Carlton Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey.

The representative of the Southern Pacific Railroad was at the pier, also, with a ticket and funds for Mr. Bendalinas; and so he was well taken care of.

In the future, might we suggest that a letter addressed air-mail, special delivery, be used when the docking time is so close. Had we had this letter before, our worker would have been able to have been of further assistance to Mr. Bendalinas.

Sincerely yours,  
 NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN  
 Per <sup>SK</sup>  
 S. Kaminsky, dock worker

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