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March 14, 1939.

Mr. Julius R. Schwartz,
Lordsburg, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

Answering your letter of the 12th inst., I wish to state that the situation is becoming more difficult and we seem to find no avenue of escape. Mexico refuses to admit Jewish refugees because their Passport does not permit them to return to the Country from which they came. However, we know of many cases which have been successful through contact with Political influence in Mexico.

If you have access to such influence, I would suggest that you write to them immediately and put your case before them.

We are informed that the Phillipine Islands is open to Refugees. Your cousins could perhaps, go there to await their German numbers.

If you are in El Paso within the near future I will be glad to discuss the matter with you.

Regretting my inability to help you in this matter, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,

FZ:LG

March 23, 1939.

Mr. J. R. Schwartz,
Lordsburg, N. M.

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

In reply to your letter received this morning,
I will be please to have you call at my home
this coming Sunday morning.

Awaiting your arrival, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,
1016 Olive St.

FZ:LG

March 31, 1939.

Mr. J. R. Schwartz,
 Lordsburg, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

I am inclosing herewith letter received from the Attorney I wrote to in Mexico City in reference to your case, which is self explanatory.

After reading this letter thru thoroughly, would appreciate your returning same to me, and at the same time advise me what your wishes are in this matter.

Awaiting your early advice, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,

IG:S

April 4, 1939.

Mr. Gustavo Arce, Attorney
Calle Palma No. 39,
Mexico, D. F.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter, and wish to state that the relatives of the Stiefel family are interested and will be glad to take care of the financial obligations.

However, it is not quite clear to us the exact amount in this case. Do you consider this a family of three, and would the \$100 you mention for a family of three take care of this case? Do wish us to send American or Mexican money for the retainers fee 33-1/3% ? How soon will it be necessary to make the bank deposits required? Will these people be able to enter Mexico through Vera Cruz after the visas are issued by the Mexican Consul abroad?

I suppose you are fully cognizant of the fact that all Passports issued to Jewish people in Germany have the letter "J" which does not permit them to return to the Country of their birth. In this case should the Steifel family be admitted into Mexico, they will not be able to enter the United States until the termination of the two years which is one of the Transportation laws of the United States. How will you be able to take care of this matter?

My plan in this case is that they should make their home in Agua Prieto, and try to secure for them a Visitor's visa into the United States for a period of about three months, and then have them return to Mexico to await their quota number.

Please let me know by return mail how soon you can start work on this case, and the amount of money to be sent to you, also your opinion of the various questions above asked.

Thanking you for your usual prompt advice, I am

Yours very truly,

April 5, 1939.

Mr. J. R. Schwartz,
Lordsburg, N. M.

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

Please be informed that Mrs. I. H. Robinson, 1223 E. San Antonio Street, El Paso, Texas, found your papers while on her way to Church, and has turned them over to me. I am now sending them on to you, with the exception of the letter from Mexico, and would appreciate your acknowledging receipt of them to Mrs. Robinson.

I have already written to the lawyers in Mexico City, and will advise you as soon as I hear from them.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,

FZ:LG
(ENCS)

April 10, 1939.

Mr. J. R. Schwartz,
 Lordsburg, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

I am just in receipt of a letter from Mexico City, as follows:

Your letter April 4.

For your information I consider Stiefel family of three members, as a case for Dls. 100.00. You can send, as you please. Mexican or American Money for retainers fee. The bank deposits must be made as soon as possible, when the Government disposes, and before the internation. It is be able to enter through Veracruz. Considering the fact you mention in your letter, about the Passports "J" I shall have a very hard work in the case, but I shall be glad to take care of the same in order to obtain the Visitor's visa you asked for. I note your Agua Prieta's plan and I recommend when that people is in their home, and before to enter into United States, to put in communication with me, in order to handle the matter properly. As soon as you send me retainer's fee, (Dls. 33.33.) I shall start work on the case."

Upon receipt of your check made out to Gustavo Arce for the sum of \$33.33, I shall send it to him and ask him to work on this case as quickly as possible.

With kindest regards to your wife and self, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.

FZ:LG

April 13, 1939.

Mr. Gustavo Arce,
Palma 39,
Mexico, D. F.

Dear Mr. Arce:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th inst., with reference to the Stiefel family, and in accordance with your request, I am inclosing herewith check for \$33.33 as a retainer fee.

I would appreciate your starting on this case immediately and let me hear from you in regard to the matter at your earliest possible convenience.

Awaiting your early response, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,
Field Executive.

FZ:LG
(ENC)

May 2, 1939.

Mr. J. R. Schwarz,
Lordsburg, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Schwarz:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 29th ult.,
I wish to state that the Mexican Lawyer advises that he
is taking immediate steps to get the Visas for your folks.

The articles in the Paper would not apply to your family,
because of their age, and such reports as we receive from
our Agencies advise that Germany will not hinder the departure
of people over 50. I would strongly urge that they bring as
little as possible with them because the German Government
demands that American money be paid for freight and since
they are coming to Mexico on a Tourist Visa, the Mexican
Government will not appreciate their bringing ice-boxes or
furniture. They will use that as a means of refusal at
Port of Entry on the grounds that they are falsifying and
wish to stay in Mexico permanently. In advising you, it
is because I am anxious to see your family come into Mexico
without difficulty. They may bring wearing apparel, but it
is also known to us that the German Government examines all
baggage and in one case when a woman had six pairs of new
silk hose, three pairs were taken away from her because the
German authorities decided that three pair were enough for
any woman. This is just an example of what really happens
before people are permitted to leave Germany.

Please be assured that we will do everything possible to
expedite their entry into Mexico and then later into the
United States.

With kindest personal regards to your wife and yourself,
I am

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky

DIRECCION GENERAL DE POBLACION.
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ESTUDIO DE PROMOCIONES.
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México, D. F., mayo 11 de 1939.

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Al C.
Srío de Relaciones Exteriores.
Ciudad.

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instrucciones a nuestro Consulado que corresponda para que documente a los señores JOSEF STIEFEL, HENRIETTA S. STEFEL y AENA SMUTZ, de nacionalidad alemana, que residen en Lunan A. D. (Lippe, Natfahlen) Alemania, en calidad de inmigrantes por un término de seis meses con el carácter de rentistas, debiendo comprobar previamente que traeran consigo la cantidad de \$ 1,800.00 por lo menos para sus gastos personales durante la temporalidad autorizada, y que no existe en su país de origen impedimento alguno para ser readmitidos en caso necesario, siendo advertidos de que en el puerto de entrada deberán otorgar garantía de repatriación por la cantidad de \$ 750.00 (SETECIENTOS CINCUENTA PESOS) cada uno y de que no podrán dedicarse a ningunas actividades remuneradas o lucrativas; todo lo anterior de conformidad con lo dispuesto en los Artículos 65, 75 y 84 de la Ley de Población y 11 de las Tablas Diferenciales.

Atentamente.

P. O. DEL C. SECRETARIO
EL OFICIAL MAYOR.

Lic. Agustín Lanuza Jr.

- c.c. Al sr. Gustavo Arce.- Palma 39 Despachos 9-10; Ciudad, como resultado de sus gestiones.
- c.c. A la Oficina de Población, Veracruz, Ver. debiendo advertirse a los interesados del requisito del registro de que habla el Art. 44 de la Ley de Población vigente.
- c.c. Al Control de Vencimientos.
- c.c. A Contratos y Fianzas.
- c.c. Al Rev. y Crítica de Doc.
- c.c. Al Depto. Demográfico.

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June 7, 1939.

Mr. J. R. Schwarz,
 Lordsburg, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Schwarz:

With further reference to my letter of June 2nd, I am now pleased to attach hereto Credit Slip from the Banco Nacional de Mexico, S.A., Cd. Juarez, Chih. Mexico for 2500 Pesos in the name of Josef Stiefel, which you are to forward to Mr. Stiefel as proof to the Mexican Consul in Germany that he has this money on deposit. Am also attaching hereto two identification cards from the aforementioned bank for completion. One of these cards is to be filled out in Mr. Stiefel's name with his signature, and the other is to be filled out in his name, By yourself, as we did with the El Paso National Bank. As soon as the cards are completed, please return them to me and I will send them on the the Mexican Bank.

Yesterday I received a letter from Mr. Arce enclosing copy of cable sent to the Mexican Consul in Germany ordering the visas with a bill for \$14.74, which amount I am reimbursing him, as per copy of letter enclosed. I am inquiring of Mr. Arce regarding the bonds which will be necessary upon entry into Mexico of your relatives. The Mexican Government requires 750 pesos each as a bond that they will not become public charges during their visit there. That would mean \$450 American money, and at the present time do not have that much in your account. Mrs. Zlabovsky originally deposited \$1000, amount sent her by you. On May 22nd, we sent Mr. Arce his balance of \$66.67 legal fee, On June 5th, \$500 was transferred to Juarez Bank, then on June 6th, sent Mr. Arce \$14.74 for cable expense, a total of \$581.41 expenditures, leaving a credit to your account of \$418.59. I do not know how soon the bond will be required, but felt you should be notified.

Trusting this has been handled to your satisfaction, and if there is any way I can be of further assistance to you, please call on me.

Mr. J.R. Schwarz,
No. 2.

Awaiting your response, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Sol Goldfarb,
207 El Paso Nat'l Bank Bldg.

P. S. I would suggest that you mail Mr. Stiefel's
deposit slip and card to him airmail to hurry the
case along.

June 7, 1939.

Mr. Gustavo Arce,
Palma 39,
Mexico, D. F.

Dear Mr. Arce:

Re: Stiefel Case.

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of May 31st, I am attaching hereto Cashier's Check No. 177560 to cover cost of cable sent to Germany in the amount of \$14.74.

You will also find inclosed copy of letter from the El Paso National Bank to the Banco Nacional de Mexico, S. A. Cd. Juarez, Chih. Mexico, confirming the transfer of 2500 Pesos to that bank, as requested by the Consul in Germany. I am this day forwarding official note of deposit, also identification cards for signature of Mr. Stiefel as outlined in your letter of May 23rd.

I would appreciate your advising me when it will be necessary to put up the money for the personal bonds of 750 Pesos each, and how that is to be handled.

Awaiting your early advice, and thanking you, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,

By Mrs. Sol Goldfarb, Sec'y.

LG/ws
(ENCS)

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June 9th, 1939

Re: Steifel case
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Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,
1016 Olive Street,
El Paso, Texas,
U. S. A.

Madam:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 7, and the attached check correct. Thank you.

I note that you forwarded official note of deposit to Mr. Steifel.

Bonds of \$750.00 per person will be put up in the MIGRATION office in Ciudad Juarez or in Veracruz or Mexico City at the time of the entry or some days before.

I'm very glad to inform you that Mr. Wendell A. Phillips, H. Rabbi of the Temple Mount Sinai, in a letter of June 7, says to me: "I appreciate very much your efforts on behalf of the Schulmeister family and your letter of May 2nd. Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky has taken over the management of the case."

For instructions of the H. Rabbi Mr. Phillips to my friend Lic. Franco Urias I handled this case satisfactory, I wrote to Mr. Franco Urias Office, and to Mr. Phillips, on the matter of my fee, and just now I'm receiving this news, and I shall appreciate you to send me a check for the amount of my fee.

Thanking you kind attention,

I'm yours very truly,

Lic. Gustavo Arce.

Attorney

June 12, 1939.

Mr. J. B. Schwarz,
Lordsburg, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Schwarz:

With further reference to my letter of June 7th, I wish to advise that upon communicating with Mrs. Zlabovsky, she has informed me that before her departure for New York she discussed the arrangement for bond with you. She stated that she advised you to have your relatives in Germany use their own money there for bonds, as their money there would not be good for any other purpose and at the same time be saving to you. She also stated that you had advanced \$10 towards the cable expense, which I wrote you about, and asked me to explain to you that immediately upon her return she will straighten out all these little details.

No doubt you have already transmitted the deposit slip and cards to Mr. Stiefel as requested, and are awaiting their return.

If there is any way that I can be of further assistance to you, please call on me.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Sol Goldfarb,
Secretary.

LG/ws

June 13, 1939.

Mr. Gustavo Arce,
Palma #39,
Mexico, D. F.

Re: Stiefel Case

Dear Mr. Arce:

Replying to your letter of June 6th, wish to state under date of June 7th, I mailed you Cashier's Check for \$14.74 to cover cable costs as outlined in your letter of May 31st. Also sent you copy of letter from bank showing where deposit of \$2500 had been made in the name of Josef Stiefel. On that day we also forwarded deposit slips and identification cards to Mr. Stiefel for signature and presentation to the Consul in Germany.

If for any reason the above letter was not received by you, please notify me at once.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Sol Goldfarb,
Secretary..

LG/ws

June 19, 1939.

Mr. J. R. Schwarz,
 Lordsburg, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Schwarz:

In acknowledging receipt of your letter of June 18th, I regret that I am not in position to advise whether or not the change of route can be made as outlined in your letter.

Therefore, I am today forwarding your letter to Mrs. Zlabovsky by airmail, and she no doubt will advise you direct whether or not the change can be made. Regarding your inquiry about Mrs. Zlabovsky, she is expected home within the next two weeks.

Do not feel that you are a bother, and if there is anything I can do, please do not hesitate to write.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Sol Goldfarb.

LG/ws

6/28/39.

Mrs Sol Goldfarb
El Paso Tex
Dear Mrs Goldfarb.

Just a line for today.
Rec. another letter from my folks in
Germany - It seems they are having trouble
securing their visas without the Mex-
bond. Will you please check up, if I
have enough money left in your care
to secure this bond. You may have
to write to the attorney in Mexico again,
if this part has been fulfilled -
Would like to have everything in shape,
so when I come down to El Paso
again, that I can cable my folks,
that all is in order -

Thanks for all troubles I am causing
With our best wishes
Yours Sincerely
Julius A Schwarz

June 29, 1939.

Mr. J. R. Schwarz,
Lordsburg, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Schwarz:

Acknowledging your letter of the 28th inst., with reference to bonds for your relatives, wish to state I have in my files a recent letter from Mrs. Zlabovsky in regard to this matter.

She stated that if it were possible for your relatives to use their own money in Germany for that purpose for them to do so, but if not agreeable to the authorities there, to arrange for their bond through a bonding Company in Mexico. In that Country you do not have to put up the cash collateral, as you do in the U.S., but merely pay for the bond, which would amount to about \$30.00.

Unless you think it urgent that this be arranged immediately, I believe this can all be arranged immediately upon the return of Mrs. Zlabovsky, who will be here on or before July 10th. If, you prefer that arrangements be made sooner, please let me know, and I will be pleased to write the Attorney.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Sol Goldfarb,

LG/ws

July 7, 1939.

Mr. J. R. Schwarz,
Lordsburg, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Schwarz:

In reply to yours of the 5th, wish to state that Mrs. Zlabovsky is expected home on the evening of July 12th.

Unless you think the matter too urgent to wait until the morning of July 13th, when Mrs. Zlabovsky will attend to it, I believe it best to wait for her. She understands these matters thoroughly, where, frankly, I must admit, this would be a new experience along those lines, for me. I will be glad to help you to the best of my ability if you feel that you should come down, but since it is only a few days more, perhaps you can hold it off until then.

Whatever you decide to do, let me know. In-the-mean-time, we are forwarding an airmail special delivery letter to her today, and explaining the situation to her. No doubt, if she considers the matter urgent, she will wire us instructions, and if I hear from her, will contact you immediately either by wire or telephone.

Trusting this is satisfactory to you, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Sol Goldfarb.

July 16, 1939.

Mr. Gustavo Arce,
Palma #39,
Mexico, D. F.

Dear Mr. Arce: Re: Steifel Case.

I have just returned to my desk after being out of the City for several weeks due to illness, and find the following complications with reference to the above case.

From letters received from the Steifel family, they are informed by the Mexican Consulate in Hamburg as follows:

"The Government of Mexico has advised their Consulates not to give Visas to Jews if they have permission to enter Mexico as Tourists only."

It is therefore necessary that the Return Clause be entirely dropped so that these people may continue their plans to enter Mexico.

A letter from the Holland American Steamship Line writes the following letter under date of June 24th. "We refer to your letter of June 24th and want to call your attention that the Frontier Officials of Holland will refuse you transit to Holland unless you are in possession of a Visa which allows you to stay permanently in Mexico."

You will recall my communication in which I placed the plans for this case before you, that it is our intention to have them enter the United States when their registration number is called from Germany to be transferred to the American Consul in Mexico. That is still our plan, but since the Mexican Government makes the aforesaid demands and the Steamship Company also requires the guarantee for permanent entry, I will greatly appreciate your taking this matter up at once by cable at our expense with the Mexican in Hamburg, Germany.

Gustavo Arce,
No. 2.

The Steifel's have applied for transportation on the Holland American Line for August 17th, and am anxious that their Visas are cleared so that they may start on their journey on that date.

Upon receipt of your reply with amount expended on cable, I will reimburse you immediately.

Thanking you for your prompt attention, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.

FZ:LG

P. S. I wish to assure you that the Schulmeister fee will be taken care of within the next few days, and would appreciate greatly if you would expedite matters on the Harmelin case. During my absence from the City, I was not aware that this case was still pending.

July 22, 1939.

To the Honorable
Consul General of Mexico,
Hamburg, Germany.

Dear Sir:

We are interested in the family of Josef Steifel,
Henrietta Steifel, his wife, and relative, Anna
Shutz.

A letter addressed to Josef Steifel from the
Holland-Amerika-Line, Hamburg, Germany, informing
him of the necessity of presenting their visas
before they can sail for Mexico, and would like to
know why their visas have not been granted. The
cable sent to you on May 31, 1939 was for the purpose
of requesting the issuance of visas "Immigrantes"
Rentistas, as per the enclosed copy of the cable.

These people have the necessary money to maintain
themselves during their stay in Mexico and upon
receipt of their quota number from the United States
of America, they will join their relatives in Lords-
burg, New Mexico, U. S. A. Immediately upon receipt
of your advice, the bonds will be arranged for at
our Juarez, Mexico Port.

If you find it necessary to communicate by cable
with reference to this case, please do not hesitate
to do so at our expense.

Thanking you for your kind efforts in expediting
this case, I am

Most Respectfully,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,
Field Executive.

FZ:LG
(Enc)

July 25, 1939.

Mr. J. R. Schwarz,
Lordsburg, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Schwarz:

Attached hereto is copy of "Power of Attorney" requiring the signature of Josef Steifel. This is merely an extra precaution which the bank is demanding in case Mr. Steifel does not draw on the account and a means of protection to you.

I would appreciate it if you would be kind enough to explain the matter to Mr. Steifel, and return both your letter and attached copy immediately, in order that I may forward them on to New York in time to make the Clipper which leaves Saturday.

Thanking you for your usual prompt attention, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,

FZ:LG
(ENC)

July 29, 1939.

Mr. Gustavo Arce,
Palma #39,
Mexico, D. F.

Dear Mr. Arce:

I am in receipt of your letter of July 24th, and have given it much thought. You may recall my correspondence with reference to the Steifel case in which I mentioned to you that they are of the Jewish Race, and your answer was that altho it will be more difficult, you would succeed in getting the visas. I am now asking you to please give this your special consideration and get the visas for this case through as soon as possible. There are many other cases being held up awaiting the outcome of this and the sooner they are on their way to Mexico, just that much sooner can we jointly benefit by the new cases that are being daily brought to my attention in this office.

These people will not remain in Mexico any longer than is absolutely necessary as their ultimate destination in the United States of America.

Thanking you for your prompt attention in this matter, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,

FZ:LG

Mr. Gustavo Arce,
Palma #39,
Mexico, D. F.

Dear Mr. Arce:

Re: Steifel Case.

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of July 31st, would it be possible to advise the Honorable Consul in Hamburg that the Steifels will depart to the United States of America as soon as their numbers are issued?

We expect to receive quota numbers for them within the year, not later, as they are registered with the American Consul in Germany.

With reference to the matter of these people returning to Germany, we all know that is impossible because when they are issued their passports the letter "J" appears which bars them from reentering. However, in this case, we have no intention of their remaining in Mexico because their final destination is Lordsburg, New Mexico, U.S.A., where they have relatives who are in a position to receive them and perfectly willing to do so.

You will be conferring a great favor to me to try to clear this case. As to the racial question, I wish to take that matter up with you at a later date.

Again thanking you, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,

FZ LG

August 8, 1939.

Mr. J. R. Schwarz,
Lordsburg, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Schwarz:

Since my last correspondence with you, I have written several letters to Mexico City and the last answer assures me that if your family have all the necessary papers in order, they should have no difficulty in getting their visas because the Mexican Government does not restrict the giving of visas for racial reasons. I answered that letter with another appeal and as soon as I get a reply, will let you know. I also wrote to the Mexican Consul in Hamburg and can only hope for favorable results.

Please rest assured that I will do everything in my power to get this case through.

With kindest personal regards from both Mrs. Goldfarb and myself, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,
Field Executive.

FZ:L

Agosto 9 de 1939.

Sr. Lic. don Ignacio Garcia Telles.
Secretario de Gobernacion.
P R E S E N T E.

Muy estimado y fino amigo:

En esa Secretaria a tu muy digno cargo, en el Departamento de Migracion, existe un expediente en el que aparece que te dignaste conceder autorizacion para que el Sr. STEIFEL y sus dos hijos entraran a nuestro pais como INMIGRANTES RENTISTAS; esa Secretaria se digno enviar oficio a la de Relaciones para que se libren las ordenes del caso al Consulado Mexicano correspondiente, para la vista de los documentos respectivos y relaciones giro las ordenes del caso.

El dicho inmigrante, que es de origen aleman, tiene, segun me avisan, su pasaporte respectivo indicando que no podra retornar a Alemania y, por tal motivo, nuestro Consul no puede visar sus papeles precisamente porque esa Secretaria a tu cargo dispuso que se cuide llenar ciertos requisitos y, entre ellos, el de que pueda volver al pais de procedencia.

Todos los requisitos han sido llenados, pero no el ultimo, y como el Sr. Steifel no volvera a Alemania sino que entrara a los Estados Unidos de Norte America, donde ya tiene sus primeros papeles y esperara aqui en Mexico, como RENTISTA solamente el tiempo que se le ha fijado por usted mientras entra en la cuota o proporcion correspondiente en Estados Unidos, solicito si te dignes indicarme si podria autorizarse la visa de su documentacion, aunque no pueda volver a Alemania, con la condicion y la obligacion de que solo estara en Mexico el tiempo que se le concedio con los requisitos legales, para internarse despues en los Estados Unidos de Norte America, pero sabiendo de todas maneras de nuestro pais al expirar el plazo.

Pendiente de tus gratas letras sobre el particular y suplicandote perdones la molestia que te infiere, me es grato quedar como siempre tu afectisimo companero y muy atento amigo y servidor.

August 14, 1939.

Mr. Gustavo Arce,
Palma 39,
Mexico, D. F.

Dear Mr. Arce: Re: Steifel Case.

We have just received communication from Germany in which Mr. Steifel tells us that he has again visited the Mexican Consul General in Hamburg, and the Consul advised him that unless the Government of Mexico will waive the return to Germany Clause he cannot issue the visas.

Will you please take this matter up at once and cable at our expense to the Consul in Hamburg. I am enclosing the part of the letter written in German which I am sure you will be able to have translated, which deals with question at issue.

Thanking you to give this your immediate attention, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,
Field Executive.

FZ:LG
(ENC)

August 21, 1939.

Mr. J. R. Schwarz,
Lordsburg, N. M.

Dear Mr. Schwarz:

Mrs. Zlabovsky has just phoned me regarding receipt of a letter from you, and has asked me to answer you.

We received a letter dated August 15th from Mr. Arce, in which he enclosed a copy of letter written to the Secretary of Interior of Mexico asking that the return clause to Germany be waived. He seems to be quite hopeful for a favorable reply. No doubt we will receive a reply to this letter shortly, and immediately upon receipt of same will write you something more definite.

I trust that all is well with you and yours.

With kindest personal regards to both Mrs. Schwarz and yourself, I am

Most cordially,

Mrs. Sol Goldfarb.

LG:ws

September 22, 1939.

Mr. J. R. Schwarz,
Lordsburg, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Schwarz:

You will be interested in knowing that we have just received a communication from Mr. Arce, Attorney in Mexico City, that the Honorable Consul in Hamburg, Germany have been instructed to issue visas to your folks in Germany.

If it is possible for you to get in touch with them and advise them to go to Italy or some other neutral country, they can get a boat from there and travel the seas in safety.

With kindest regards and best wishes for a happy New Year, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Sol Goldfarb.

LG:WS

Consulado General
De Mexico

Departamento De MIGRACION.

Número: 3701

Expediente : (43-7) 551.3

ASUNDO: No puede documentarse al señor JOSEF
STIEFEL porque no llena satisfactoriamente
los requisitos que se le prescribe.

Hamburg den 13. Oktober 1939

Herrn Josef Stiefel,
LÄNEN a.d. Lippe.

In Beantwortung Ihres Schreibens vom 11. ds. Mts.
teile ich Ihnen hierdurch mit, dass es mir nicht möglich ist,
Ihnen das Visum fuer die Einreise nach Mexico zu erteilen, da
die gestellten Bedingungen nicht von Ihnen zufriedenstellend
erfuellt werden.

Hochachtungsvoll
DER GENERALKONSOL VON MEXICO
gez. Unterschrift
Alfonso Guerra.

Lünen, den 15. Oktober 1939

MEINE LIEBEN !

Als ich meinen gestrigen Brief an Euch abgesandt hatte, erhielt ich vom General Consulat Mexico in Hamburg einen Brief, von dem ich dir, lieber Julius beifolgend die Abschrift übersende.

Ich bin der Ansicht, dass dein Anwalt von Mexico nur an den General Consul geschrieben hat und dieses hat nicht den mindesten Einfluss auf die Erteilung des Visums. So lange die **MEXICANISCHE REGIERUNG IN MEXICO** dem General Consul keinen Bescheid erteilt, dass er uns das Visum erteilen soll, ist alle Liebesmüh umsonst.

Wie du lieber Julius siehst, hat er von einem Schreiben des dortigen Anwalts nicht einmal etwas erwähnt. Leider sind wir wieder mal um eine Enttäuschung reicher geworden.

Zu gleicher Zeit erhielten wir auch von der Rhederei in Hamburg Nachricht, dass in Anbetracht der augenblicklichen unsicheren Lage die Abfahrten nach Mittelamerika von der Holland Amerika Linie noch nicht festgesetzt worden sind. Also mit anderen Worten gesagt, es fahren vorerst keine Schiffe.

Meine Lieben Ihr seht also mit wieviel Mühen es heute verbunden ist, fort zu kommen. Man kann sagen, wenn man glaubt, dass ein Hindernis überwunden ist, schon zwei andere Hindernisse da sind.

Die Vermittlungen so hinten herum wie wir zu sagen pflegen führen zu keinem Erfolg. Die Regierung in Mexico muss dem General-Consul beauftragen, uns das Visum zu erteilen. Es geht auch nicht auf ein sogenanntes Touristen Visum (weil wir Juden sind) es muss ein **Tacheta Immigration sein**. Sofern nun tatsächlich die Mexicanische REGIERUNG an den General Consul geschrieben hat, sodass der Brief noch nicht in Hamburg angekommen war, erbitten wir deinen Bescheid. Wir hoffen dass Euch dieser Brief bei bester Gesundheit antrifft und bitten, wenn es möglich ist, um einen baldigen diesbezüglichen Bescheid. Mit den Herzlichsten Grüßen und Küssen von uns allen Euer

Josef

October 17, 1939.

Mr. J. R. Schwarz,
Lordsburg, N. M.

Dear Mr. Schwarz:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 15th, I am enclosing my check for \$426.91, as per statement attached.

No one regrets more than I that your folks were unable to leave before the war broke out. It is just one of those unfortunate things beyond our control. If it were possible to get communication from them and to them, I still think there is hope of their leaving. I am informed that between the dates of November 11th and 15th, a refugee ship will leave some Port in Italy for the Americas. This boat will accomodate German refugees who have visas in order. We are also informed that the Steamship Companies will only issue steamship tickets for American money.

Before drawing out the money from Mexico, would you care to have me investigate further with reference to the above mentioned sailing information, and would you care to send a cable to your folks asking for an immediate reply as to the possiblility of their leaving. For your convenience, I am enclosing a draft on the El Paso Nat'l Bank for the Mexican Money. If you wish this money withdrawn, please sign and return to me, and I will see that it is converted into American money and returned to you.

Awaiting your reply, and with kindest personal regards to Mrs. Schwarz and yourself, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zhabovsky.

FZ:LG
(ENCS)

ESTADOS UNIDOS MEXICANOS

CORREOS Y TELEGRAFOS

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DE _____

Oct. 19, 1939

DE 193 _____

SR. _____

Gustavo Arce

DOMICILIO _____

Palma # 39

DESTINO _____

Mexico, D.F.

VIA _____

Stiefel case. ~~Advised of case of~~ ^{has}
Hamburg Consul ~~has~~ been advised
to issue visas. Wire collect.

DOMICILIO DEL SIGNATARIO UNICAMENTE PARA CASOS DE ACLARACION

October 20, 1939.

Mr. J. R. Schwarz,
Lordsburg, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Schwarz:

In answer to the telegram sent yesterday to Mr. Arce, he states that visas are ready for the Steifel's upon their presentation to the Mexican Consul in Hamburg.

I would suggest that you write to the folks to contact the steamship Company immediately and see what arrangements can be made for their departure. If they have to take the steamship by way of New York, let them do so, by all means, and if they will let you know their plans, I can, perhaps, make arrangements for them to travel by rail from New York to Agua Prieto. It is entirely up to them to make the arrangements since they know what transportation is available at this time. You may advise them that the neutral countries have available transportation. Also suggest that they cable to you their plans.

When they receive their visas from the Mexican Consul, that does not mean that they must depart at once because the time of six months granted them is from the date of their entry into Mexico.

With kindest regards from Mrs. Goldfarb and myself to Mrs. Schwarz and yourself, I am

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.

FZ:LG

October 21, 1939.

Mr. Gustavo Arce,
Palma #39,
Mexico, D. F.

Dear Mr. Arce:

With reference to your telegram, if you will recall, my correspondence on the case of the Steifel family, I pointed out to you that the order from the Mexican Government was based on their return to Germany after six months. I do not quite understand from your telegram if that clause has been removed, and if, removed, was the Consul in Hamburg notified to that effect? If not, please see that a cable goes forth with authorization for the removal of that clause because letters from Mr. Steifel advise us that the Mexican Consul will not issue a visa nor will the Transportation Company sell them a ticket unless that clause is definitely removed.

Please notify me at once.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,

P. S. Your telegram was immediately delivered to me by Mr. Schwartz. Thanks for your prompt reply.

FZ:LG

October 24, 1939.

Mr. Gustavo Arce,
#39, Palma,
Mexico, D. F.

Dear Mr. Arce:

As a result of your telegram with reference to the Steifel case, I advised Mr. Schwarz to cable his relatives to immediately apply for their visas to the Mexican Consul in Hamburg, Germany. Your letter of October 20th states that the clause for readmittance has as yet not been passed. I would appreciate your taking this matter up and immediately upon advice from the Department of Immigration that you send cable to the Consul in Hamburg so that this family does not make their trip to Hamburg in vain.

With reference to Miss Redlerova's case, I have written to Mr. Abrahamson to send me check for \$66.00 and also money for the cable to Paris. In-the-mean-time please send the cable to Paris, France, and immediately upon receipt of the amount for the cable, I will send you a check for fee and cable.

Mr. Barta's address is Av. Amsterdam No. 266, Telephone Eric-4-42-43 and Mex. P-18-49. I would appreciate your contacting him, and perhaps by this time he has seen Mr. Harmelin. Should Mr. Harmelin fail to meet this obligation to you, Mr. Maurice Schwartz of El Paso, wishes to assure you that the amount will be paid from El Paso.

Awaiting your advice, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,

FZ:LG

El Paso, Texas,
November 8, 1939.

Mr. Gustavo Arce,
Palma #39,
Mexico, D. F.

Re: Steifel Family

Dear Mr. Arce:

I have just received a letter from the relative of the above named family, and am sending you an exact copy with English translation, which is self-explanatory.

Please take care of this case at once and clear it up for us, so that the Mexican Consul will be properly instructed to issue the visas. You have assured me in many letters that the Jewish question does not apply in the Mexican Government's Immigration policy, but the attached letter distinctly mentions that clause as interfering with their receiving the necessary visas from Mexico.

Thanking you to expedite this case, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,
1016 Olive Street.

Dear Mr. Arce:

In a recent letter I asked you to cable Paris, France with reference to Miss Rodlerova case, and have received no reply from you. I am awaiting this information and also amount of money expended on cable in order that I ~~may~~ know how much I owe you on this case. Immediately upon receipt of this information, I will wire Mr. Abrahamson to send a check to cover the full amount due you.

Mrs. F. Zlabovsky.

Please let me know if Mr. Barta has been successful in collecting your fee from Mr. Harmelin.

F.Z.

November 11, 1939.

Mr. J. R. Schwarz,
 Lordsburg, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Schwarz:

The enclosed document from the Mexican Department of Immigration. This document removes the clause which has been so disturbing in this case. Please send this to them at once. We are given to understand that transportation thru Itay is available. These boats will land in New York and from there they will take a boat to Vera Cruz. However, if I am informed correctly, when and from where they embark, and on which vessel, I will instruct our Chief Port Worker in New York to try to get their transportation from New York changed to that of entry by rail to Mexico.

Please advise me further if there is anything further I can do for you.

With kindest personal regards from both Mrs. Goldfarb and myself, I am

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,
Field Executive.

FZ:LG

El Paso, Texas,
November 11, 1939.

Mr. Gustavo Arce,
Palma #39,
Mexico, D. F.

Dear Mr. Arce:

Re: Steifel Case

Please cable Hamburg without delay and advise the Mexican Consul General that these people are acceptable by his Government. As explained to you in my letter of November 8th, it seems from the Germany correspondence, of which you have copy, that this case is not quite clear with the Mexican Consul in Hamburg. I hope the cable will clarify matters, and that the Steifel family will be issued their visas without any further delay in order that they may sail for Mexico. I notice in the carbon copies issued by the Department of Immigration that they have sent a carbon copy to Ciudad Juarez, which I greatly appreciate because it is my intention to have them come in transit thru the United States if it is possible.

Thanks again for your splendid cooperation.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,

P.S. This being a holiday the banks are all closed, and therefore I am unable to send the money on the Rodlerova case until Monday, at which time I will see that the money goes forward.

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.

SCHWARZ'S
READY TO WEAR
LORDSBURG, NEW MEXICO

11/14/31.

Mrs Fannie Zlabovsky
El Paso Tex

"Dear Mrs Zlabovsky"

Your letter with
enclosure received & I have forward same
to my folks by "Clippor Airmail"

I hope, that this is their last serious
trouble, before leaving Germany - Have
written them to try & take an "Italian"
steamer & also wrote them to keep us informed
what their plans are - Want to thank you
again for getting this paper for us -

With our best wishes to yourself & family
also - Yours Sincerely

Julius R Schwarz

from my folks yesterday, stating
ble over day.

December 6, 1939.

Mr. J. R. Schwarz,
Lordsburg, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Schwarz:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th inst., with copy of cable, and am sure that you are safe in advising your people that the six month permit does not take effect until they set foot on Mexican soil. However, to satisfy you, I am taking the matter up with the attorney.

Trusting this is the information desired, and with kindest regards to both yourself and wife, from the Goldfarbs and myself, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.

FZ:LG

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P.S. Attached you will find cable requested.

December 8, 1939.

Mr. Gustavo Arce,
Palma #39,
Mexico, D. F.

Dear Mr. Arce:

Re: Steifel family

The enclosed document from the Consul General of Mexico in Hamburg, Germany, was sent to me with reference to the above case.

According to my interpretation of this German letter, i.e., the last clause is to the effect that the granting of the visas expires on the first of the year. If such is the case, please have a renewal cabled to the Consul in Hamburg because these people cannot leave Germany for another six weeks, or perhaps two months. Also inform the Consul that the Bonds will be available upon their arrival on Mexican soil. At this time the Steifel family has to their Credit in the National Bank of Mexico the sum of 2500 Pesos. If this does not meet the requirements, please let me know at once, and I shall make additional deposit.

Since the matter is so urgent, please use cable communication with the Consul in Hamburg, so that when this family is ready to leave Germany, they will experience no further difficulties in securing their visas.

Please return the German communication when you are through with it. I have not heard from you in some time, and think I owe you a small bill. If this is so, please advise me, and also amount expended on this new cable, and I will reimburse you.

Thanking you for your immediate reply, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,
Field Executive.

FZ:LG

December 13, 1939.

Mr. Gustavo Arce,
Palma #39,
Mexico, D. F.

Dear Mr. Arce:

Inclosed herewith you will please find
Cashier's Check for Fifty Pesos, amount due you
on cable sent in Steifel Case.

Thanking you to acknowledge receipt,
and also awaiting your further advice in this
case, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.

FZ:LG

(ENC)

December 14, 1939.

Mr. J. R. Schwarz,
Lordsburg, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Schwarz:

I am just in receipt of letter from Mr. Arce dated December 11th, in response to our letter regarding extension of permit for the Steifel family, and am enclosing same, which is self-explanatory. Am also returning to you German letter for your files.

Will advise you as soon as I have heard further. I would appreciate the return of Arce's letter.

With kindest personal regards to Mrs. Schwarz and yourself from the Goldfarb's and myself, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.

FZ:LG
(ENCs)

December 20, 1939.

Mr. Gustavo Arce,
Palma #39,
Mexico, D. F.

Dear Mr. Arce:

We have communication from Berlin, Germany. A family of four adults wish to enter Mexico as "Rentistas". These people are Jewish and wish to remain in Mexico until they receive their quota numbers to enter the United States. Would it be possible to get visas for this family with the return clause removed from the acceptance by the Mexican Government?

Kindly let me know what your fee will be for this family, and will appreciate your immediate advice in this matter.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.

FZ:LG

January 15, 1940.

Mr. Gustavo Arce,
Palma #39,
Mexico, D. F.

Dear Mr. Arce: Re: Steifel Family.

With reference to the extension on this case, I am disappointed that we have had no word from you. It is most urgent that this extension be secured at once because conditions in Germany are becoming more tragic daily.

Please cable the Mexican Consul in Hamburg to grant this family the visas that have been promised them by you some months ago, and send me a copy of this cable so that I may send it to the Steifels for assurance that they secure their visas to enter Mexico.

Mr. Steifel has been taken into Concentration Camp, and the only way he will be released is presentation of documents showing eligibility to leave Germany. I beg of you to rush this extension.

Thanking you for your usual prompt attention, and awaiting your advice, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.

FZ:LG

January 29, 1940.

Mr. J. R. Schwarz,
Lordsburg, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Schwarz:

Immediately upon receipt of your letter of the 24th inst., I wired Mr. Arce again, and have just received the enclosed letter. I would suggest that you send this letter to your relatives and let them show it to the Mexican Consul.

We are doing everything possible to bring this case to a satisfactory termination, and if I knew of anything I could do to help your folks, other than I have already tried, you can be assured I would do it. I am fully convinced that the delay is due to some lack of presentation on the other side. Do not hesitate to call on me if I can be of any service to you, and if you have any suggestions let me know about them, as I am just as eager to help your folks as you are.

With kindest personal regards to both your wife and self, from Mrs. Goldfarb and myself, I am

Sincerely,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.

FZ:LG

February 19, 1940.

Mr. J. R. Schwarz,
Lordsburg, N. M.

Dear Mr. Schwarz:

I have taken the liberty of writing to a friend in Mexico City with reference to your folks, and have asked him to intercede in their behalf. He has been of some assistance to our Organization in other cases, and hope that he can pull some strings for us in this case.

Mr. Arce has informed us that he is doing everything possible, but that there must be some lack of co-operation from the other end.

As soon as we hear from Mr. Barta, will let you know, also whatever other news we receive.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.

FZ:LG
(ENC)

February 19, 1940.

Mr. J. R. Schwarz,
Lordsburg, N. M.

Dear Mr. Schwarz:

Since writing you this morning I received the enclosed letter from Mr. Arce, and sent an airmail reply with check attached, as per enclosed copy.

Sincerely, I trust that this will clarify the case, and that your relatives will soon be able to join you.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,

FZ:LG
(ENC)

February 19, 1940.

Mr. Gustavo Arce,
Palma #39,
Mexico, D. F.

Dear Mr. Arce: Re: Steifel Case.

Replying to your letter of the 12th inst., I am enclosing check for \$10.00 and will ask you to please cable your message to the Mexican Consulate in Hamburg. The reason I did not answer your last letter is because I was awaiting communication from Germany to find out what was really the difficulty in their inability to secure the necessary visas.

I hope this cable will clear the case to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

Thanking you for your immediate attention to the aforementioned cable, and awaiting your further communication, I am

Yours very truly,

MRS. FRANK ZLABOVSKY.

FZ:LG
(ENC)

February 19, 1940.

Mr. Gustavo Arce, Palma #39,

February 19, 1940.

Mr. Emanuel Barta,
Av. Amsterdam No. 266, Dep. 5,
Mexico City, D. F.

Dear Mr. Barta:

Re: Steifel Case

I am again appealing to you to help me clear up the German case which is self explanatory in the enclosed letters.

Mr. Arce seems to feel that this case is settled, but the Mexican Consul General in Hamburg does not issue visas to these people. Would it be possible for you to approach Mr. Arce on this case and help these unfortunate people get out of Germany. It is my understanding that Mr. Steifel is at present in a Concentration Camp and the only hope they have for his release is if he has the Mexican Visas for himself and family. I am enclosing five Pesos for stamp and other expense that you may incur. Any additional expense required in this case will be reimbursed immediately upon receipt of advice from you.

Would appreciate the return of the letters as soon as you have finished with them.

With kindest personal regards to your wife, daughter and yourself,
I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.

FZ:LG
(ENCS)

DIRECCION GENERAL DE POBLACION
DEPTO. DE MIGRACION

No. 06443

Herrn Joseph Steifel
c-o Lic. Gustavo Arce
Hier

In Beantwortung Ihrer Zuschrift vom 24. ds. vergangen Monats, teile ich Ihnen mit, dass es notwendig ist, damit die Obrigkeit ueber Ihre Angelegenheit entscheiden kann, dass Sie vor diesem Ministerium beweisen koennen, dass Sie eine Quotennummer in den Staaten erhalten haben um in dieses Land immigrieren zu koennen, und nach Beweis von dieser Tat und um die betreffenden Autorisation zu erhalten, muessen Sie in dem Nacional Monte de Piedad, Hier, \$ 12.000 m.n. deponieren, fuer Ihren Aufenthalt, von welchem Depot Sie monatlich bis zu \$ 300.00 beheben koennen, und in der Annahme dass Sie keinerlei Arbeit werden machen koennen.

Gezeichnet

A. Ojeda Garcia

6 MAR 1940
DIRECCION GENERAL DE POBLACION.
DEPTO. DE MIGRACION.
INSTITUTO DE PROMOCIONES.
INVERSIONISTAS Y REMITISTAS.
EXP. No. 4.261."39"/8209.

ASUNTO: Se indican requisitos.

No. 06443.

Sr. Josef Stiefel.
C./o. Lic. Gustavo Arce. Palma 39 Desp 9
C. I. U. D. A. D.

En contestacion a su escrito fechado el 24 del pasado mes, le manifiesto que para que la Superioridad resuelva lo que a bien tenga sobre el particular, es necesario que justifique ante esta Secretaria, en forma fehaciente, que se le ha condedido numero de cuota de admision en los Estados Unidos de Norteamerica, en la inteligencia de que en caso de que esta prueba sea satisfactoria, para obtener la autorizacion respectiva debere constituir, previamente en el Nacional Monte de Piedad, de esta Capital, la cantidad de \$12,000.00 (DOCE MIL PESOS) en pesos mexicanos, -- para su sostenimiento, entendido que de esta suma retirara mensualmente hasta \$300.00; no pudiendo dedicarse a ninguna actividad remunerada o lucrativa.

Atentamente.

SUFRAGIO EFECTIVO. NO REELECCION.
Mexico, D. F., febrero 17 de 1940.
Por AC. DEL C. SUBSECRETARIO.
EL SUBJEFE DEL DEPARTAMENTO.

Arandia Ojedad Garcia.

Secretaria de Gobernacion
Direccion de Poblacion.
DESPACHADO
Febrero 21 1940.
Mesa de Correspondencia
y Control.

5080. RC.gar. c/e.

March 4, 1940.

Mr. Gustavo Arce,
Palma #39,
Mexico, D. F.

Dear Mr. Arce:

Re: Steifel Case.

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 27th ult., I do not think it advisable to send a cable to Hamburg, unless the new regulations are modified. With reference to Visas to the United States, if we could secure them at this time, the Visas from Mexico would be unnecessary. It is because this family must wait for their quota number that we find it necessary to appeal to the Mexican Government to give them shelter until such a time that they may enter the United States and be united with their family.

The reason they could not secure the Mexican Visa was because of the demand of the Mexican Government that they return to the Country of their birth at the expiration of their stay in Mexico. You succeeded in having that clause removed, then Mr. Steifel was placed in a Concentration Camp in Germany and the only release that he will get is when the Mexican Consul General in Hamburg grants this family Visas. Is it asking too much that you secure the extension without these new regulations?

Your efforts in these peoples behalf will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.

FZ:LG

March 8, 1940.

Mr. J. R. Schwarz,
Lordsburg, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Schwarz:

Since my last letter to you, I have been bombarding Mr. Arce and Mr. Barta to try and clear your case by both airmail and telegram.

The Mexican Government is putting new restrictions on Jewish Immigration, and it is for this reason that we have been fighting against difficulties.

You mention in your letter that the Steifel's hope to receive their Mexican Visas soon. These must be issued by the Mexican Consul in Hamburg. No Visas are issued in Mexico. The only thing that we rely on from the Mexican Government is that they approve the case and send the order to their Consuls abroad, and that has been taken care of in the Steifel case. I cannot understand why the delays have occurred in this case. The trouble seems to be at the other end. The Mexican laws are copied to a great extent from the laws of the United States and ill health in applicants excludes a person's entry. I am wondering if that is the reason for hindering your folks. There are Agencies operating in near-by countries abroad, and would ask that you ~~write to one of~~ *to contact* these agencies to intercede in their behalf. The HIAS is one of the agencies, and the "Friends" is also assisting refugees. I am sure that if they will go to the Mexican Consul with some influential representative and give the Consul some money, it would help them get their visas. Since the German money is of no value to them once they leave Germany, it would be an excellent way for them to spend what they have with the Mexican Consul.

As soon as I hear further from Mexico, I will let you hear from me.

With kindest personal regards to your wife and self, I am

April 2, 1940.

Mr. J. R. Schwarz,
 Lordsburg, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Schwarz:

The enclosed communications from Arce were just received, and thought I would send them on to you so that you will know that we are still working on the case. The Mexican letter from the Secretary of the Government gives us some hope. In-the-mean-time I would like to know if you have had any communication from the Steifels.

With kindest personal regards from both Mrs. Goldfarb and myself to Mrs. Shwarz and yourself, I am

Sincerely,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.

P. S. Would appreciate the return of the letters when you have finished with them.

SECRETARIA DE GOBERNACION.
MEXICO.

4 de marzo de 1940.

Muy estimado y fino amigo:

Correspondiendo con gusto a tu atenta recheda el 17 de ---
los corrientes, en la que te sirves recomendar el asunto ----
STELFEL, del año pasado, manifestandote que ya giro instruc----
ciones al Departamento de Migracion de esta Secretaria a mi ---
cargo, a fin de que se le preste la debida atencion, a reserva
de comunicarte oportunamente el acuerdo legal que sobre el par-
ticular recaiga.

Aprovecho la oportunidad para saludarte afectuosamen--
te y repetirme tu afectisimo atento amigo y seguro servidor.

Ignacio Garcia Yellez.

sjh.

August 5, 1940.

Mr. J. R. Schwarz,
Lordsburg, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Schwarz:

Your letter addressed to Mrs. Zlabovsky has been handed me for reply due to her absence from the City at this time.

In going through our files I found the two enclosed pictures of your folks. If there are any others please let me know and will be pleased to forward them to you.

Certainly hope that things are going well with you and yours.

With kindest personal regards to both Mrs. Schwarz and yourself, I am

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sol Goldfarb,
Secretary.

LG:S
(ENCLOS)