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Jan. 16th, 1934.

El Paso Chamber of Commerce,
EL PASO,
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Attention: Capt. E. H. Simons

Gentlemen:

The bearer of this letter, Mr. Jaime Gechter, a Mexican citizen, is a resident of C. Juarez, Mexico and lives at 711 La Paz St. He is selling merchandise in Juarez, which necessitates him coming to El Paso often to make purchases. It seems like he has had trouble in getting a regular pass port from the Immigration Department to come over here and do his purchasing.

Would, therefore, appreciate your helping him in obtaining same.

Very truly yours,

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By Maurice Schwartz

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Jan. 16, 1934.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that I have known the bearer of this letter, Mr. Jaime Gechter, who resides in Juarez, for the past two years.

He is a merchant in Juarez and has been buying merchandise from us for that length of time, and for that reason comes very often to this city.

He has been very honest in all his dealings with ~~me~~ and can recommend him as a man of good character.

Any consideration you may show Mr. Gechter will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

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March 7, 1934

Mr. E. H. Simons,
El Paso Chamber of Commerce,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Mr. Simons:

This letter is in regard to the
bearer, Mr. H. Gechter.

Mr. Gechter has been a regular
wholesale customer of ours for the past
three years. We have been very well pleased
with our relations with him during this
time as we have found him to be reliable,
prompt in payments, and an excellent cus-
tomer.

Unfortunately, Mr. Gechter has
no passport to this country and must do
his buying thru an agent. This results
in much of the merchandise being returned
as the agent many times makes mistakes.
Also much difficulty is encountered with
the customs officials because of Mr.
Gechter's inability to enter this country
in order to do his own buying.

We would greatly appreciate any
trouble that you would take in order to
enable Mr. Gechter to enter this country
to do his own buying. Not only will this
benefit our store, but also several other
stores who would retain an excellent
customer.

Very truly yours,

B. Farber.

by



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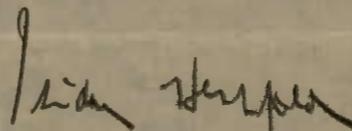
October 30, 1934.

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
 1016 Olive Street
 El Paso, Texas

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

Your letter of the 27th instant in re Jaime Gechter received today. The only way in which this matter can come before the Department so that we can give it our attention here is that Mr. Gechter should apply for a brief temporary admission at your immigration station. If and when this is refused, he should state that he desires to appeal from the excluding decision, and we should then be promptly notified. This appeal will, in regular course, come to the Department for consideration. We can then argue the matter before the Department's Board of Review and do everything possible. Please see that we are promptly notified when he is excluded at your immigration station. He has a right to appeal and should insist on doing so.

Very sincerely yours,



ISIDORE HERSHFIELD
 Counsel

P.S. Although he seeks only a border crossing card, the above procedure is nevertheless necessary. The Board of Review here may decide on his appeal that he should not be admitted temporarily but should be granted a border crossing card for some period.
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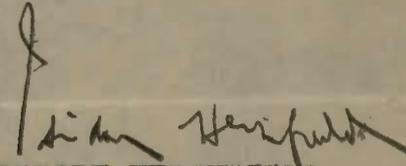
Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
1016 Olive Street
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

In the matter of Jaime Gechter, D. L. 55588/283, we have now been officially advised of the decision denying him permission to reapply for admission to the United States after deportation.

Three letters attesting to Mr. Gechter's standing, which we filed with the Department, have been returned to us and are enclosed herewith.

Yours very truly,


ISIDORE HERSHFIELD
Counsel

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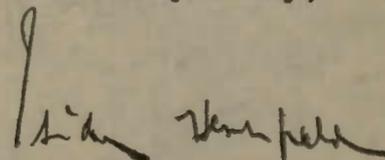
Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
1016 Olive Street
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

In the matter of Jaime Gechter, D. L. 55588/283, as to whom you wrote us, we have been in communication with Mr. Gechter himself. He has sent us various letters of recommendation in Spanish with translations of same. Through some mix-up, the original letters in Spanish have only now reached the Department and we took the matter up there today with the proper official.

Copy of our letter of this date to Mr. Gechter is attached hereto for your information. If you can do anything with the immigration authorities at Juarez, it will be very helpful.

Yours very truly,


ISIDORE HERSHFIELD
Counsel

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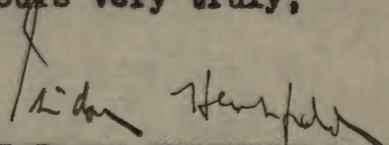
February 4, 1935.

Mr. Jaime Gechter
Juarez Avenue #140
Ciudad Juarez, Mexico

Dear Sir:

The original Spanish documents have now reached the Department and we took up this matter (D. L. 55588/283) with the proper official today. He has decided to communicate with the U. S. immigration authorities at Juarez, ascertain whether they have any objection to your being given a crossing card, and after getting their reply, he will then take action on your present application for leave to reapply. You might take the matter up with the immigration authorities at Juarez yourself or through your friends and explain the whole situation to them so that possibly they may reply to the Department that they would make no objection to your having a crossing card, and hence no objection to your being given permission to reapply.

Yours very truly,


ISIDORE HERSHFELD
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Juarez, Mexico,
February 11, 1935.

Mr. Grover C. Wilmoth,
Dep't of Immigration,
First National Bank Bldg.,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to my case (DL-55588/283), wherein I applied for a Border Passport and was refused. I appealed to the Department of Labor in Washington.

I am advised that this matter will be referred to the Immigration authorities in El Paso, and I am therefore appealing to you to grant me the privilege of a Border Passport so that I may do my purchasing in El Paso.

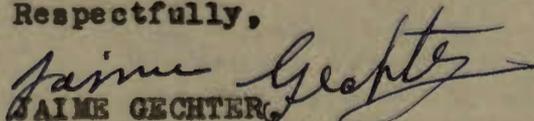
At the present time I am established in business, which I am conducting between Juarez and Madera, Mexico, and my clientele prefer merchandise which I can purchase in El Paso, Texas.

With reference to my past record, I have at no time broken any laws of Mexico, the Country of my adoption, as will be seen by the letters I received from both the Police and Custom's Departments in Juarez. It is true that I was deported from the United States in 1926, but at the time I entered the United States illegally, it was not my desire to break any laws of your Country. I was mis-advised at that time. When I received a Border Crossing card at Eagle Pass, I do not recall having been asked the question if I had ever been in the United States, but if I falsified, it is again not because I wanted to break any of your laws, but because I wanted to continue in the business in which I was established at that time in Piedras Negras, Mexico.

Again, I appeal to you to permit me to reapply for the aforementioned Border Passport.

Thanking you for your kind consideration, I am

Respectfully,


JAIME GECHTER,
Juarez Avenue, #140,
Juarez, Mexico.

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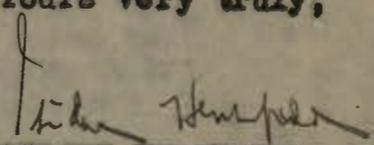
Mr. Jaime Gechter
Juarez Avenue #140
Ciudad Juarez, Mexico

Dear Sir:

We have been following up the matter of your application for leave to reapply for admission so that you can get a border card, D. L. 55588/283. The investigation report has just been received and we took the matter up at once with the proper official at the Department. We regret to advise you that your application, however, has been denied. A similar pending application by your wife for leave to reapply within one year of exclusion is also being denied. The investigation report goes into your affairs at great length, your troubles with the Department, etc., and is altogether so very unfavorable that the official at the Department felt that he could do nothing else but deny your application and that of your wife.

Please be assured that we have done everything possible in your behalf. It will serve no purpose for you to ask us to take the matter up further or to endeavor to have the decision changed. We feel that upon the investigation report the Department will not give the matter any further consideration, nor will it change the decision in the case of your wife and yourself.

Yours very truly,


ISIDORE HERSHFIELD
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May 3, 1937.

Mr. Isidore Hershfield, Counsel
504-5 American Building,
1317 F. Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hershfield:-

The case of Chiam Gechter has again been sent to Washington, (Department of Labor) for appeal for temporary Border crossing card. The Department of Immigration at this Port of Entry, we understand, has given the case favorable recommendation. Will you please assist in getting the temporary granted to him?

Thanking you, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,
Field Executive.

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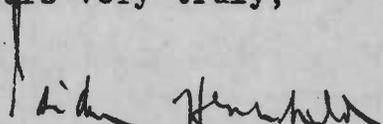
Mrs. Frank H. Zlabovsky
1016 Olive Street
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

Your letter of the 3rd instant in re Chaim Gechter, D. L. 55588/283, was received yesterday. We immediately took the matter up at the Department and found that it was already acted upon but the file was not available and we could not obtain the decision. Today we ascertained that the decision states that no change shall be made in the previous order denying his application.

We do not know whether it would have been possible for us to have effected any different result if we had received the matter before it was actually passed upon by the Department. The Department evidently is of opinion that the past history of this case is such that permission should not be granted to him either to reapply for permanent admission or to cross the border.

Yours very truly,


ISIDORE HERSHFIELD
Counsel

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May 19, 1938.

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
1016 Olive Street
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

Your letter of the 16th instant in re Chaim Gechter, D. L. 55588/283, received. We find that this application had already reached the Department, and on the 5th instant, same was denied. We nevertheless took the matter up further with the proper official in charge of these matters and used every possible argument without success. He has refused to change the decision.

As you know, there is very much in the record against this man, including statements that he has been engaged in smuggling in violation of the laws of both this country and of Mexico. You also know that he previously was ordered deported. The Department has had this matter before it annually for many years and has refused to grant him leave to reapply or a border crossing card.

A border crossing card is not granted where the alien had once been ordered deported,* It was also pointed out to us that probably he would be inadmissible because of various acts he had previously committed, and leave to reapply, therefore, would not avail him anything even if it were granted. We may add that leave to reapply is not granted as a matter of course, but only in exceptional cases where is involved the great hardship of separating the alien from immediate members of his family. Such hardship does not exist in this case.

Please be assured that we used every effort to obtain for him at least a border crossing card.

*unless leave to reapply is granted at the same time.

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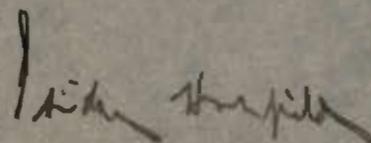
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Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky - #2
Re: Chaim Gechter, 55588/283

May 19, 1938.

We believe that the case is hopeless and that he must resign himself to remaining in Mexico and never thinking of entering the United States.

Yours very truly,



ISIDORE HERSHFIELD
Counsel

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