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December 1, 1936.

Miss Merle Henoch,
221 West 57th St.*
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Miss Henoch:

Re: Ethel Pomeranz, age 43,
New York City.

Miss Pomeranz is hitch-hiking the Country, and is now stranded in El Paso. She asked for work but El Paso is not placing transients, and she must therefore go on her way. She tells us that she was born in New York City, and that she has a brother, Max Pomeranz, 1370 Broadway, who is financially in a position to help her. She also has a mother living somewhere on West 149th Street.

Please turn this over to the proper authorities and if possible get about $25.00 for this girl. We don't want her in El Paso and Arizona and California refuse to accept transients unless they have money. If we try to send them from El Paso the border states ship them right back to us.

Thanking you, I am

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,
Field Executive.

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Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
National Council of Jewish Women  
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mrs. Zlabovksy:

Your letter to your headquarters at 221 West 57th Street has been forwarded to us for attention.

Miss Ethel Pomerantz' wanderings are already well known to us. On a number of occasions, we have visited Max Pomeranz, her brother, with regard to her being stranded in various cities. Max Pomeranz is the owner of a factory where children's dresses are made. He is interested in his sister, but realizes that she needs the aid of a psychiatrist. He has offered to assist her from time to time. According to the Travelers Aid Society, he had given money for Ethel's care when she was in Kansas City, but she disappeared before the money was received and it was returned to Mr. Pomeranz. On the occasion when we last spoke to Mr. Pomeranz, in August 1936, Ethel was stranded in Colorado Springs. Mr. Pomeranz advised that $10 could be given to her for incidental expenses and he would refund the sum. On this occasion also, Ethel disappeared before instructions were received.

At the time we spoke to Mr. Pomeranz in August, he told us that he had just located his brother, Nathan Pomeranz, who is now living at 564 Grove Street, San Francisco. He suggested that since Ethel did not want to remain in New York City, she should go to the brother Nathan who has never done anything for her hitherto.

We have again spoken to Mr. Pomeranz on receipt of your letter, and he has given us a check for $25. May we suggest that if Ethel is still with you, you give her that money as you see fit, and we will reimburse you immediately on hearing further from you.

Yours very truly,

Eva Marks
Secretary
JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION, Inc.
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
Formerly United Hebrew Charities

January 4
1937

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
National Council of Jewish Women
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

Would you be good enough to advise us if you have made any expenditures through Ethel Pomeranz from the $25.00 deposited with us by her brother, Max Pomeranz. We would like to report to him if that money has been spent and how, or to return it as was promised. May we hear from you by return mail.

Yours very truly,

Eva Marks
Secretary
January 12, 1937.

Miss Ewa Marks, Sec'y,
Jewish Social Service Ass'n, Inc.,
67 West 47th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Miss Marks:—

Re: Ethel Pomeranz.

Prior to the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst., we assisted Miss Pomeranz to the sum of $3.50. She was sleeping in the basement of the Y.W.C.A. without cost to her. Upon receipt of your letter I tried to find her and it appears that she hitch-hiked to Phoenix. This is by the way her fourth trip to Phoenix, Arizona.

We tried to locate her in that City and find that the Jewish Organization put her on the Bus and sent her to California. Her present whereabouts is unknown to us.

Thanks for your co-operation.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,
Field Executive.
Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
National Council of Jewish Women
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

When your original letter, addressed to the National Council of Jewish Women at 221 West 57th Street, was received in this office on December 16th, we acted on it immediately, sending you an air mail reply the same day and authorizing you to spend $25.00 which we had on hand given to us by Max Pomeranz, Ethel's brother. We advised you that we would re-imburse you immediately on hearing what monies had been spent, but we have received no response to that letter. On January 4th, we again wrote to you, asking you to be good enough to advise us if any expenditures had been made to Ethel Pomeranz from the $25 we were holding, and explained that we would like to return the money to Max Pomeranz, if it had not been used.

In view of the fact that we gave you our immediate attention and that Mr. Pomeranz would like to have a report regarding the expenditure of the $25 in his sister's interest, won't you give us the courtesy of an immediate reply. If we do not hear from you by January 20th, we shall assume that no expenditures were made and shall return the $25 to Mr. Pomeranz.

Yours very truly,

Eva Marks
Secretary