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July 21, 1930.

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
1016 Olive Street
El Paso, Texas

Dear Madam:

We have not yet received the further information requested in our letter of the 27th ult. in re Jacobo Praes. If you wish us to do anything more in this matter, kindly reply to our letter.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

ISIDORE HERSHFIELD
Counsel
June 21, 1936

Mr. Isidore Hirshfield
1115 Connecticut Ave. N. W.
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hirshfield:

We find that you are quite familiar with this case. He claims
Venezuela as his birth place. In again appealing to the American Consul he was advised that he would be granted a visa on the presentation of the following papers:

1. Birth certificate of wife
2. Sworn affidavit of his own birth.
3. Character certificate of Juarez, Mexico.
4. Character certificate of Philadelphia Chief of Police
5. Character certificate from Caracas, Venezuela.
6. Venezuelan Passport
7. Affidavit and guarantees of support from father-in-law in Philadelphia

He has most of these papers but the one that seems most important is his sworn statement of his birth seems to be unavailable. Could this sworn statement be obtained from the Venezuelan ambassador in Washington and knowing the case do you think after he gets his visa that he will be admitted?

I will greatly appreciate your early reply.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman Department of Service of Foreign Born
Mrs. Frank Zlaczovsky
1013 Olive St
El Paso, Texas
June 27, 1930.

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
1016 Olive Street  
El Paso, Texas  

Dear Madam:  

Answering your letter of the 21st instant in re Jacobo Praes:

Proof of his birth in Venezuela is, of course, the most important document as on this alone depends his non-quota status. I do not see how the Venezuelan Ambassador in Washington can make any certificate that this man was born in Venezuela any more than our American Ambassador in Sweden (if I happen to be residing there) could certify that I was born in New York City.

We had considerable communication with Mr. Pares direct during 1929. The last letter from him was dated September 22, 1929, requesting that we return to him all of his papers, which we did on September 27, 1929.

What proof has he of his birth in Venezuela? Let me have this information in detail.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

ISIDORE HERSHFIELD  
Counsel

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Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
1016 Olive Street
El Paso, Texas

Dear Madam:

We are still awaiting a reply to our letters of June 27 and July 21 requesting further information in the matter of Jacobo Praes concerning whom you wrote us on June 21.

Yours very truly,

ISIDORE HERSHFIELD
Counsel
August 19th, 1930.

Mr. Isadore Hershfield, Counsel,
1115 Connecticut Ave., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hershfield:

The delay in writing to you on the Jacobo Praes case is caused by his being unable to furnish the required papers for a visa at our American Consul in Juarez. He has been refused entry at this port, and has engaged legal services. His lawyer, Mr. Tittman, informs me that while he has written up this mans brief and presented it to the Immigration authorities, he thinks it will be impossible for Mr. Praes to be admitted, as his documents are doubted by our immigration authorities.

My advice to him is to return to Venezuela, the country he claims as his birthplace, and get his Visa from that country, I think that within the next few weeks he will go back to the country of his birth, and I shall close the case at this end.

Thanking you for the interest you have taken, I am

Yours very truly,

Chairman, Service for Foreign Born.