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September 27, 1937.

Miss Cecelia Razovsky,
221 West 57th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Miss Razovsky:

It has been brought to my attention that Heinrich Stern, age 13 of Wisbaden, Germany, has been favorably accepted as one of the children to be admitted into the United States under the jurisdiction of the National Council of Jewish Women. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Hugo Stern, a former judge.

This child has relatives in El Paso and Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Hanau of El Paso, an elderly couple of means, but unable to give the child a home on account of Mrs. Hanau's poor health, are very anxious to see the boy placed in a desirable home.

My reason for writing to you is because of Mrs. Hanau's anxiety about the child, and she deplores her inability to take the boy. Other relatives of this child are Mr. & Mrs. Albert Stern of Albuquerque, who are immensely wealthy and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Cohen of Altoona, Pa. Your personal interest in this particular case will be appreciated by Mrs. Hanau one of our members.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,
Field Executive.
October 1st 1937

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
National Council of Jewish Women
1016 Olive street
EL PASO- TEXAS

RE: Heinrich Stern

My dear Mrs. Zlabovsky,

Miss Razovsky turned your inquiry of September 27th addressed to the National Council over to me because placements under the German-Jewish Aid project are my concern and I had already worked on this particular application which we received recently.

I am asking you to tell Mrs. Hanau that we know of her relationship to the family as well as of that of many other members of the group; we knew that the German people had been incommunication with them all but had felt that nobody would be able to help out, so that they relied on our assistance. Because the relatives known abroad were all said to be too old and not well enough to help out, I had accepted the suggestion of the Berlin office to identify the next generation of relatives here. So far I had not succeeded. I should appreciate it very much if you would let me know whether Mrs. Hanau contacted the Sterns of Albuquerque direct and what she thinks their attitude would be. Would they offer financial help toward the maintenance of the child, would they and could they take him into their own home, or what?

I am going to continue to follow up the clues in that part of the country; in the mean time will you assure Mrs. Hanau that she need not have any anxiety about the manner in which this application will be handled; we are working on it carefully and with much concern and hope that we shall be successful. We are not sending our affidavits for any child until we have a definite...
HOME AND pledge of support for him. Our present efforts are concentrated on exploring the resources in this large family here. If you have questions about this situation, do not hesitate to write me; suggestions are also welcome.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Lotte Marcuse,
Director of Placements.
March 14, 1938.

Re: Heinrich Stern.

Miss Lotte Marcuse,
Director of Placements,
221 West 57th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Miss Marcuse:

Please advise if you have been successful in placing the above mentioned child.

In a recent conversation with Mrs. Hanau, she made the statement that she is willing to furnish an affidavit for one of the children in the particular group of relatives to whom the above belongs. However, she cannot take anyone in her home because of illness.

Thanking you for an immediate reply, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,
Field Executive.

FZ:LG
March 17, 1938

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

Re: Heinrich Stern

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky,

I am awfully glad that you wrote to me because I have been wondering for quite some time whether I should write to Mrs. Hanau direct, and then put it off because I know she is not well and I did not want to burden her more than necessary.

I have been sorely disappointed by the many relatives here in this part of the country who showed such intensive interest when I first communicated with them and saw them, and who later on completely stopped answering my letters.

Since I have no lead in any particular community for placement of this boy as yet, I shall continue to work on this problem. Tell Mrs. Hanau not to worry. We do not know how long it will take until we have a plan, but we know that Mr. Stern is drawing a pension so that the family are not suffering want. It is just a question as to how soon we can arrange for the boy to come. We are fairly confident that the father, too, understands this and will not continue to write to the many people here because none of them really can give them immediate help. We have had this matter explained to them in detail by the organization in Germany.

If there is any further information that you wish, I shall be more than glad to give it to you.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Lotte Marcuse
Director of Placements
September 21, 1938.

Miss Lotte Marcuse,
Director of Placements,
221 West 57th St.,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Miss Marcuse: Re: Heinrich Stem.

Please let me know if this child has been placed, and if he has already been admitted into the United States. If not, when is he to be expected?

I wish to close my file on this case, and would appreciate your early advice.

With Seasons greetings, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,
Field Executive.

FZ:LG
September 30, 1958

Mrs. F. Zlabovsky
El Paso Section, C.J.W.
1016 Olive St.
El Paso, Texas.

Ref: Heinrich Stern

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky,

You may safely close your file on this boy. Affidavits for him were sent a long time ago and he will probably be among our next arrivals.

Sincerely yours,

Lotte Marcuse
Director of Placements

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