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WOLFGANG B. KLEMPERER  
1600 OAK STREET  
SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA

April 24-1938

Mrs. F. Zlabowsky  
Council of Jewish Women  
1916 Olive St.  
El Paso Texas.

Dear Mrs. Zlabowsky:-

A friend of mine, Mr. Albert Gail of Chicago, has encouraged me to write you and ask your expert advice on behalf of a young Austrian girl who is now staying with us. She came from Innsbruck, Austria early in January 1938 on a 6 months visa as a visitor upon my affidavit, to stay and live with us and to perfect her English as well as to help my wife with the baby. She had planned to go back to Innsbruck and to resume her University studies there as soon her visitor's visa or whatever extension we might secure would expire.

Now, the political upheaval which has just taken place in Austria upsets her original plans. She is one of those unfortunates against whom the present regime in Germany discriminates by racial and religious persecution. Her mother's parents were Jewish Austrians, her father is of Polish "Aryan" descent. We understand this makes the girl 50% according to the Nuremberg Code so she will not be permitted to continue her university studies nor to obtain a job if she were to return to Austria nor would she find means to leave that country again after she got back, we are told.

During the months she has been in USA, she has come to love America and desires to immigrate if it can be done. Her parents are quite in agreement with this desire. They are in Innsbruck. We understand that to properly immigrate she would have to leave the USA first to terminate her visitor's status and then apply for admission as an immigrant from some place abroad. We thought of Ensenada or Mexicali, Mex which are near here and we have been told of the possibility of going to Juarez instead.

We would greatly appreciate your advice as to the proper procedure and choice of place for our case and how much money would probably be needed to do it the proper and strictly legal way. Of course, we would sign an affidavit of support for the girl. She is a relative viz a granddaughter of my father's brother and of my wife's father's sister. She is 20 years old and was legally pronounced of age before she left Austria to visit us. - Both my wife and I are naturalized American citizens.

Aside from this problem, we received several inquiries from Austrians friends some of them people of outstanding accomplishments and renown as scientists, physicians etc asking if it was true that there is an organization in this country which will secure affidavits ~~of~~ for eligible immigrants of exceptional merits especially from among those Austrian Jews whose families have belonged to the cultural centers of that country for generations. I would appreciate if you can tell me what answer they should be given.

Thanking you for any advice you may give me

Sincerely yours

W B Klempner

April 28, 1938.

Mr. Wolfgang B. Klemperer,  
1600 Oak Street,  
Santa Monica, California.

Dear Mr. Klemperer:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 24th inst., and can offer you the following information.

The young lady requires a birth certificate in duplicate and translation in the English in duplicate; Police Certificate from the City of her birth, also translated in duplicate; Police Certificate the City in which she is now residing, and a valid passport.

You may furnish her with an affidavit of support, engaging her as a maid in your home, offering her a salary of not less than \$50.00 per month and a home. Your affidavit must be accompanied by documentary evidence such as letter from the bank, and if in business a Dun & Bradstreet report.

With these documents in hand she may present her case to any American Consul along the Mexican Border, and if she is in good health, she will have no difficulty in securing the necessary visa for permanent entry to the United States. The law requires that she depart from the United States checking out of this Country before she can receive the required visa.

Mexico does not admit aliens from the United States unless they have a Mexican visa and can deposit a 500 peso bond. We at this Border have been successful in evading that particular point of Mexican law. However the American Consul in Juarez, Mexico would object to a case sent to him from Los Angeles when you have Consulates closer at hand.

W. B. Klemperer,  
#2.

With reference to the Austrian problem, we are advised that affidavits and money sent to relatives and friends in Austria should be placed in an open envelope addressed to the nearest American Consul. That envelope to be placed in another envelope and sent to the Secretary of State in Washington, asking him to please see that said documents reach their destination.

My son-in-law, Marcus Goldberg, at 412 Santa Monica Boulevard, Santa Monica, California, has assisted me in numerous cases while in El Paso. I would suggest that you contact him and discuss some of your problems with him.

I shall be glad to give you any further information which you may require.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.

FZ:LG

June 6, 1938

Mr. Wolfgang B. Klemperer  
1600 Oak Street  
Santa Monica, California

Dear Mr. Klemperer:-

Not having heard from you with reference to your cousin I am curious to know if she has succeeded in changing her status, if not I think I can handle her case at this port of entry at this time.

Awaiting your reply I am,

Yours truly,

FZ/bg

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky