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El Paso, Texas
April 27, 1942

Mr. H. M. Capin
%Capin's Department Stores
Nogales, Arizona

Dear Mr. Capin:

I am writing to you with reference to Mr. Joaquin Ernesto Kuntz, of Mexico City, who represents the Mexico Watch Company. He has asked for a Transit Visa to enable him to travel through the United States to Border Towns.

Under the present Immigration Law, he must make application to Washington for such permission, and is required to present two character letters from American Citizens. These letters must be written in triplicate. Mr. Kuntz tells me that you and your brothers know him quite well, and am therefore appealing to you to furnish him with such a letter, also if your brother Jake or one of your brothers-in-law can write a similar letter for him, it will help him in securing the necessary visa.

Thanking you for your early attention, and with kindest personal regards to you and Clarice, I am

Most Sincerely,

Mrs. F. Zlabovsky
207 El Paso Nat'l Bank Bldg
El Paso, Texas.

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(ENCS)

El Paso, Texas
April 30, 1942

Mr. H. M. Capin
%La Ville de Paris
Nogales, Arizona

Dear Mr. Capin:

Thank you very kindly for your prompt response to my letter of the 27th, and for the letter.

I regret that I was not specific when making request for the character letter in asking you to declare your American Citizenship. Therefore it is necessary that I return the letter to you, and would appreciate it if you would state that you are a Citizen of the United States. The wording of the letter is perfect, ~~and~~ if you will merely add another paragraph regarding your citizenship. I would also suggest that you use your business stationery, if possible. Could you also secure a similar letter from another member of your family, who knows Mr. Kuntz? He must have two letters from American Citizens, and he does not seem to know many American Citizens, most of his acquaintance being among the Mexican Citizenry.

Assuring you of my appreciation, and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Mrs. F. Zlabovsky
207 El Paso Nat'l Bank Bldg.
El Paso, Texas

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(ENCS)

WASHINGTON OFFICE

HEBREW SHELTERING AND IMMIGRANT AID SOCIETY

(HIAS)

1317 F Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.
National 6120

July 8, 1942

LOUIS E. SPIEGLER
Counsel

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
1016 Olive Street
El Paso, Texas

ABRAHAM ROCKMORE
Assistant Counsel

In re: Joaquin Ernesto Kuntz

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

ISIDORE HERSHFIELD
Counsel Emeritus

We are pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 25th, forwarding documents in behalf of the above-named of Mexico City.

It appears that Mr. Kuntz desires to obtain a transit visa to enable him to proceed to the United States on more than one occasion. It would appear to us that he should obtain a border crossing card either from the immigration officials at El Paso, Texas or the American Consul in Mexico.

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OFFICE
425 Lafayette Street
New York, N. Y.

We should like to hear from you on this point before submitting the documents to the Department of State. His Roumanian birth brings him within the classification of an enemy alien. This, as you intimated, will not benefit his case very much.

Very truly yours,

Louis E. Spiegler
LOUIS E. SPIEGLER
Counsel

BKS:hka

*Jews High Council
Safety Dept
109 W. 10th St
M 3361*

El Paso, Texas
July 16, 1942

Mr. Isadore Hirshfield
1317 F Street N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hirshfield: Re: Joaquin Ernesto Kuntz

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of July 8th, I wish to state that prior to July 1, 1941, the Border Crossing privileges and Transit Visas were granted by the Department of Immigration at this Border, without the necessity of appealing to Washington.

In this case the Department of Immigration found it necessary to get the decision of the Department of Justice, and that department granted the transit on \$500 bond during the year of 1940.

The present regulations are that anybody born abroad though a Mexican Citizen, must file Form B & C for any Crossing privilege. With the Department of State's approval, the American Consul will not grant the necessary transit visa.

I will appreciate your filing the documents and assisting me in securing the Transit Visa.

Thanking you, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
207 El Paso Nat'l Bank Bldg.
El Paso, Texas

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El Paso, Texas
October 7, 1942

Mr. H. M. Capin
%La Ville de Paris
Nogales, Arizona

Dear Mr. Capin:

I am enclosing the original letter from the HIAS in which they request letters to the Department of State, which is self explanatory.

The letter should be address to the Department of State in duplicate, authorizing the HIAS to appear in behalf of Mr. Kuntz, at the time of the hearing, in this case.

If you will be kind enough to write these letters and send them to me with any information you can furnish on Form WOH-S #1A, attached, I will then be in position to forward them to the HIAS and State Department. I would also appreciate duplicate letters from your brother Ben Capin, as requested.

Please return the original letter from the Hias, as soon as you have complied with it's contents.

Thanking you, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zhabovsky
207 El Paso Nat'l Bank Bldg.
El Paso, Texas

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(ENC)

El Paso, Texas
October 7, 1942

Mr. Joaquin E. Kuntz
Av. Alvaro Obregon
#15 - Dep. 8
Mexico, D. F.

Dear Mr. Kuntz:

This is to advise you that the Department of State declined your application for Transit Visa. However, an appeal on the case has been granted, and I have therefore written to the HIAS to represent you at the hearing, which will take place within thirty days.

I have today written to both H. M. and Ben Capin, asking them for authorization letters to the HIAS as requested by the Organization. Upon receipt of these letters, the HIAS will be empowered to properly handle your application.

It will be necessary that the HIAS should receive some compensation, since they operate on contributions, as per the enclosed application.

You may write to me %Mr. Robinson, Juarez, Mexico. It will expedite matters.

Thanking you for your prompt response, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
207 El Paso Nat'l Bank Bldg.

C O P Y

El Paso, Texas
October 16, 1942

Mr. Louis E. Spiegler, Counsel
Hebrew Sheltering & Immigrant Aid
1317 F Street, N. W.,
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Spiegel:

Mr. Joaquin Ernesto Kuntz of Mexico City, has asked me to forward the enclosed Cashier's Check for \$10.00 to your Organization in appreciation for your efforts in his behalf.

On October 7th, I wrote the Capin Brothers of Nogales, Arizona, for the letters of authorization requested by you in order to represent Mr. Kuntz at the hearing, but up to the present time have not received them. I am writing them again, and hope to have them within the next few days, at which time I will rush them thru to your office.

Assuring you of my appreciation, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
207 El Paso Nat'l Bank Bldg.
El Paso, Texas.

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El Paso, Texas
October 16, 1942

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207 El Paso Nat'l Bank Bldg.
El Paso, Texas.

IRG:S
(ENC)

El Paso, Texas
October 30, 1942

Mr. H. M. Capin
%La Ville de Paris
Nogales, Arizona

Dear Mr. Capin:

On October 7th I wrote you regarding request from the HIAS in the case of Mr. Kuntz, and also inclosed forms to be filled in for the State Department, but up to the present time have not heard from you.

Cases like Mr. Kuntz's are allowed 30 days for a hearing, and unless the HIAS can place their appeal during that time, the case will be lost. I am therefore appealing to you to furnish the letters from yourself and brother giving the HIAS authority to appear in behalf of Mr. Kuntz. I am sending you a copy of the form I used in giving the HIAS my authorization, and you may copy it if you so desire.

Thanking you for an immediate response, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
207 El Paso Nat'l Bank Bldg.,
El Paso, Texas

FZ:LRG
(ENCS)

El Paso, Texas
November 4, 1942

Mr. H. M. Capin
%Capin's Department Stores, Inc.,
Nogales, Arizona

Dear Mr. Capin:

I wish to thank you for your prompt response in sending the necessary letters for the Hias to represent Mr. Kuntz at the hearing.

However, before I can submit the letters to Washington, it will be necessary for me to have the Form No. WOH-S FIA, with ~~with~~ whatever information you can furnish on that. This form was sent you with original request for authorization letters on October 7th. No doubt you have it in your office, and I will appreciate your returning it promptly so that there is no further delay in Mr. Kuntz's case.

Thanking you, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
207 El Paso Nat'l Bank Bldg.
El Paso, Texas.

WASHINGTON OFFICE

HEBREW SHELTERING AND IMMIGRANT AID SOCIETY

(HIAS)

1317 F Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.
NAational 6120

December 5, 1942

LOUIS E. SPIEGLER
Counsel

ABRAHAM ROCKMORE
Assistant Counsel

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
207 El Paso National Bank Bldg.
El Paso, Texas

ISIDORE HERSHFIELD
Counsel Emeritus

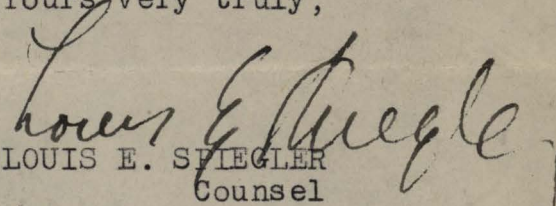
Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

In re: Joaquin Ernesto KUNTZ
Docket No. 111077

We have today been informed by the Department of State that a hearing has been scheduled before the Interdepartmental Visa Review Committee for 1:30 P. M. on December 15, 1942, in behalf of the above named.

We shall at that time present and argue the matter to the best of our ability, requesting and urging that an advisory recommendation be made. Please be informed that we have received the requested information and shall base our presentation upon same. You will be immediately informed of any and all further developments.

Yours very truly,


LOUIS E. SPIEGLER
Counsel

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NATIONAL
OFFICE

425 Lafayette Street
New York, N. Y.

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El Paso, Texas

January 27, 1944

Mr. Louis E. Spiegler
1317 F Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Spiegler: Re: Joaquin Ernesto Kuntz

Mr. Kuntz has again appealed to us with reference to his application for a transit visa. About six months ago he changed positions and residence and is now living in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. He is now a commission merchant and is eager to secure Border Crossing privileges in order to buy merchandise in the United States.

If you will refer to your file, you will find where he was refused his application for trip transit visa some time ago.

Will you please advise me what can be done to reopen the case?

It has been called to my attention that a Mr. Hugo Blum of Guadalajara, Mexico, had a similar case, and after a refusal on appeal, the American Consul in Jalisco succeeded in securing favorable recognition in this case. Since the cases are so similar, it has been a puzzle to me why Mr. Kuntz was refused on appeal.

Thanking you for your assistance, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
207 El Paso Nat'l Bank Bldg
El Paso, Texas

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Part B

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Visa Division

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA CONCERNING ALIEN VISA APPLICANT

1. Name of alien and accompanying relatives:

Name	Marital status*	Relationship to (1)	Date and place of birth	Nationality	Present address
(1) <i>Joaquin Ernesto Kuntz</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>X X X</i>	<i>Romonis</i>	<i>Mexican</i>	<i>Alvaro Obregon 15 Mexico City</i>
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					

* S (single); M (married); W (widowed); D (divorced).

** Check (V) names of persons in group covered by this form.

NOTE.—Separate forms must be filed for all persons over 18 years of age except wife or husband.

2. What is the purpose of the alien(s) in entering the United States (check one of the following):

- (a) Permanent residence
- (b) Temporary visit on business
- (c) Temporary visit on pleasure
- (d) Transit to third country
- (e) Nonquota student

Explain fully if purpose of entry is other than for permanent residence.

3. Consulate at which application is to be made:

(If telegraphic advice to consulate is desired, state name and address of person to be billed for cost.)

C. Juarez Mexico

4. Have any travel arrangements been made? State any definite booking, if any. If alien residing in war area, has definite assurance been obtained for issuance of exit permit and transit visas to port of embarkation?

no.

5. Close relatives in the United States. (If there are no close relatives, so indicate.)

Names	Relationship	Address	Nationality	Length of residence in U. S.	Indicate whether citizen (C) or first papers (FP)
Applicant's (or husband's) relatives: <i>none</i>					

Wife's relatives:

none don't know

6. Close relatives in countries other than the United States. (If there are no close relatives, so indicate.)

Names	Relationship	Address	Nationality
Applicant's (or husband's) relatives:			

wife Merida Cortez Kuntz
Daniel Cortez

for the past three years I have not heard from my mother who live at that time in Saltillo, Coahuila

Wife's relatives:

Patricia Cortez sister Mexico D.F.
David Cortez brother " "
Samuel Cortez " " Toluca Mexico

7. Occupational experience:

(List names and addresses of employers and positions held, with dates, commencing not later than 1930 and bringing up to the present time.)

Applicant or husband: *Mexico Tratch Co. Articulo 123 - #32 - Mex D.F.*
Wife: *1929 to 1933*
1935 to Date
own business for myself
Representative

8. Political activities and affiliations:

(Give names and dates of membership in any political parties, groups, and societies. Detailed information concerning each should be furnished on separate sheets attached hereto.)

Applicant or husband

Wife

none

9. Has applicant(s) at any time been a member of the following political organizations? (Answer YES or NO.)

- (a) Communist *no*
- (b) Anarchist *no*
- (c) Any group advocating violent overthrow of government *no*

If answer is affirmative, explain fully:

Applicant or husband

Wife

10. Has this alien, to your knowledge, ever been convicted of any offense, political or otherwise? *no*

(If answer is "Yes," give date, place, and nature of offense and sentence.)

Applicant or husband

Wife

11. Previous marriage.

(State whether marriage has been terminated by death or divorce; give details.)
(Give name of former spouse. If living, give present address if known.)

Applicant or husband

Wife

no

12. Places of previous residence (city and country), giving approximate dates.

(If alien has at any time been interned in any foreign country, give place and dates of internment.)

Applicant or husband

Wife

in Mexico 1925 to date

13. Has alien(s) previously resided or visited in the United States? If so, give dates.

Applicant or husband

Wife

no

Has been granted Transit on after during years of travel

14. Educational background.

(Give names of schools and universities attended, degrees taken, and general field of studies so far as known to affiant.)

Applicant or husband

Wife

High School and 2 year college Preparation

15. Where does (do) the alien(s) plan to reside if admitted into the United States?

no.

16. What professional or vocational field of activity does (do) the alien(s) plan to follow if admitted into the United States?

Applicant or husband

Wife

none

17. What is the source of the foregoing information?

(State whether from personal knowledge, statements made by alien, or from other sources.)

*Mrs. Margarita de la Parquiza are Jurors in Mexico
Miriam Garcia Carrillo 16 September 1925
Helen*

I attach hereto letters of reference from two reputable American citizens who can certify to my good standing and character, and whose names and addresses are given below:

(Two original letters need be submitted by sponsor to cover members of family group.)

H. M. Capen
(Name)

Rogelio Aris
(Address)

Jake
(Name)

"
(Address)

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[Handwritten signatures and scribbles, including names like "Munshala" and "Palidas" written vertically.]

