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August 18, 1938

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Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
National Council of Jewish Women  
1016 Olive Street  
El Paso, Texas

Re: Fritz Wagner - German Bond #EI 99436-300

My dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

The foregoing arrived in the United States as a visitor and has permission to remain until September 2, 1938. His German passport #W627-33 is valid only until December 14, 1938. Because his passport is due to expire, we have been able to request an extension for only one month. Mr. Wagner was born in Germany, June 18, 1918.

Mr. Wagner is desirous of changing his status by going to Juarez, Mexico. He has no relatives in the United States but a good friend has already given us an affidavit indicating a net worth of \$164,000. This man's gross income for 1937 was in excess of \$23,000. This friend has also indicated that he would loan the boy \$500.00.

Do you suppose you can possibly put this case <sup>over</sup> before the expiration of his visa on September 2?

We have all the necessary documents, such as police and birth certificate, Chicago police record and passport photographs.

In view of the fact that Fritz left Germany under pressure, we do not think it advisable <sup>to cable</sup> request his mother for her consent. She, of course, is perfectly willing for the boy to remain here permanently.

Do you think that the Consul may raise some question because he is under 21? You have helped us out so many times that again we turn to you with a difficult problem.

Sincerely yours,

*Celia Slon*  
Celia Slon, Secretary

CS:NN



August 22, 1938.

Mrs. Elsa Weinschenk,  
130 N. Wells Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Weinschenk:

Re: Fritz Wagner

Because of the block in the non-preference quota for Germany, it would be impossible to get a number until December, 1938.

If the boy is a student and his philanthropist friend would care to finance his education in the United States, we could change his status to that of student visa. He would have to have an acceptance in an accredited school, besides funds to carry him for a period of not less than one year.

For him to go to Mexico, he would require legal entry into that Country, which means a Mexican visa, a bond of 750 pesos (about \$150) and enough money to show that he can maintain himself during the three months wait for the issuance of his number if he is accepted by the American Consul in Juarez.

I will be glad to help if either of the above suggestions meet with the young man's approval. To use the former methods of entry into Mexico would be impossible at the present time because after three or four days the person entering Mexico illegally would be apprehended and imprisoned.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,



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August 24, 1938

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
National Council of Jewish Women  
1016 Olive Street  
El Paso, Texas

Re: Fritz Wagner - German Bond #EI 99436-300

My dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

With further reference to your letter of August 22, it will not be feasible to arrange to have Fritz Wagner to remain in the United States as a student; however, we have persuaded Mr. Altman to sponsor the boy by providing for his bond and living expenses during his wait in Mexico.

Do you think \$500.00 will be sufficient for this purpose? As we explained to you previously, we are placed in a rather difficult position by having to ask for so much money because Mr. Altman is a total stranger to Fritz.

For your information, Mr. Altman's affidavit discloses the following facts:

1. Earnings for 1937, \$23,500.00.
2. Life insurance, \$37,000.00.
3. Net worth, \$164,000.00.

As Fritz's visitor's visa expires September 2, and his passport is valid only until December 14, 1938, we would appreciate your wiring us if Fritz may leave at once with the understanding that he is to remain in Mexico until he gets a quota number.

Thanking you for your help, we are,

Sincerely yours,

*Celia Slon*

Celia Slon  
Secretary to Mrs. Weinschenk

CS:NN



August 25, 1938.

Mrs. Elsa Weinshenk,  
130 N. Wells Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: Fritz Wagner.

Dear Mrs. Weinshenk:

Upon receipt of your letter of the 24th inst., I called on the American Consul in Juarez, Mexico, and this is his version on the case:

The block on the German quota is so uncertain, that it may be months before he can secure another number. For this boy to enter Mexico and remain inactive is not advisable. He suggests that you apply for an extension for this boy under bond, and let him remain in the United States as long as possible. From your former letter, I presume he is a political refugee and will therefore not be deported from the United States. The Department will therefore be glad to extend his stay until it is possible to get a change of status for him.

Should you still be of the opinion that he should go to Mexico, I will try to arrange for his entry into that Country if and when he comes to El Paso. If you consider that move advisable, I can send him to Chihuahua, Mexico where he can stay with greater comfort than at the Border, and he can make his application in that City to the American Consul at the proper time.

Awaiting your further instructions, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,  
Field Executive.