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DORA BERRES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

January 13, 1928

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky  
Council of Jewish Women  
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

Confirming our telegram of January 11, we can now add the following information concerning Mrs. Minnie Cohen. We have located Mrs. Cohen in a restaurant where she has been working practically since coming to Los Angeles. The husband deserted her soon after their arrival, leaving her and the children destitute.

She is not now receiving any public relief, earning sufficient to maintain herself and the two children, for whom she has established a home. Whatever charitable aid may have been received was taken by the husband, whose whereabouts now are unknown.

Mrs. Cohen is very desirous of obtaining a divorce, as the man is a chronic deserter, but, as you probably know, would need a year's residence in this state before she can bring action.

She told our worker that she has no relatives in El Paso, but mentioned as a close friend, Esther Silverstein, whose name is now something else, as she has married since Mrs. Cohen had seen her. She did not recall Esther Silverstein's married name, but expressed a desire to hear from her, if we could obtain her address.

We shall visit Mrs. Cohen again and give what supervision is necessary. Meanwhile if you have any information concerning this family to convey to us, we shall be glad to hear from you again.

Sincerely yours,

*Dora Berres*  
Executive Director

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