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August 21st, 1930.

65 Naples Rd
Brookline, Mass.

Mrs. Milton Rosenau, President,
Council of Jewish Women,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Rosenau:

Kindly interview Mr. H. Rottenberg, 24 St. Mary St.,
Boston, and acquaint him with the fact that his brother and wife,
Mr. & Mrs. N. Rotburd, 514 Calle La Paz, Juarez, Mexico, are in
dire financial difficulties.

A loan from the brother of about $100.00 would tide these
people over until the petition for his entry to the United States is
approved in Washington, and he receives his preferred quota number,
to which he is entitled to by virtue of the fact that his wife is an
American citizen. We certainly would appreciate your efforts in secur-
ing this money, as it is a most deserving case. Up to the present time
this family has been self supporting, but due to the undescribable con-
ditions prevailing at this border town, it is impossible for them to make
a living, and they are actually starving. We are taking care of their
immediate needs, such as groceries, clothing, etc., but since we understand
the brother is financially able to assist them, feel like he should assume
this obligation.

Thanking you for your co-operation, I am

yours very truly,

Chairman, Service for Foreign Born.

1016 Olive St.,
El Paso, Texas.
My dear Mrs. Zlabovskaya,

Mrs. Milton Rosenau, a former President of the Boston Section, referred your letter of August 21, 1930, to me.

I visited the brother of Mr. H. Rotenberg of 24 St. Mary's St., Boston, and discovered that he has a small grocery and fruit store. He informed me that business conditions were very bad, that he has a wife and two children to support, and that he has for over two years constantly sent money to his brother in Juarez, Mexico. I learned that there are also two sisters, but could not reach them as they are away. I also learned that Mr. Rotenberg's father-in-law is a Rabbi in Boston but could not get his name.

Will you please let me know if possible the name of this Rabbi, also the names of Mr. Rotenberg's sisters, as I would like to check this story up?

I will call again to see Mr. Rotenberg and see if I can't persuade him to send something. He did say, and this I can understand, that all of the people in his vicinity are away for the summer, and upon their return, if business is good, he will try to send some money for the Jewish holidays.

In the future will you please address all correspondence to me, as Mrs. Rosenau is not well and cannot attend to this matter. Cordially yours,

Theresa Cohen Whitman
September 4th, 1930.

Mrs. Theresa Cohen Whitman,
31 Dwight St.,
Brookline, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Whitman:

Re: Rothburi.

In reply to your letter of August 28th, so far we have been unable to get further information on the addresses of the families in Boston other than that of the brother at 24 St. Mary's Street. The daughter is very reluctant about acquainting her father, the Rabbi, about their financial straits, and would prefer getting what little assistance possible from Mr. Rothburd's people. Any assistance rendered by them will be appreciated.

Thanking you for your assistance, I am

Yours very truly,

Chairman, Service for Foreign Born.

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