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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
STATE OF ILLINOIS) ss
COUNTY OF COOK)

PERSONAL AFFIDAVIT

GUNTER CZAPSKI, being duly sworn on oath deposes and says:

That he was born in Berlin, Germany on July 13, 1910; that he graduated from high school in 1926; that from 1926 to 1928 he worked in the Leiser Shoe Factory, Inc., Berlin, learning the manufacture of orthopedic footwear; that he also worked in the Central Office of this firm in the buying department; that he later worked as shoe salesman in different branch stores of this organization; that he graduated from the Orthopedic School of this firm and later became an Orthopedist for this firm; that he is also a graduate of the Moebius Foot & Pedicure Institute of Meissen, Germany, which is officially recognized by the State; that he is also a graduate of the Reichalda Foot Service Institute of Berlin which is officially recognized by the State.

That because of his non-Aryan origin, he found it impossible to continue with his profession or to establish himself in any way in the country of his birth; that because of these conditions, he begs permission to emigrate to the United States for permanent residence so that he may continue with his education in foot surgery and chiropody at the Northwestern Institute of Foot Surgery and Chiropody, located at 19 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago.

That he has \$1200.00 on deposit in the University State Bank of Chicago; that he has 10,000 RM in Germany, consisting of 5,000 RM in the bank and 5,000 RM in stocks; that he has with him

surgical instruments for pedicure and chiropody purposes valued at approximately \$100.00 (duty paid), jewelry valued \$1505.00.

Affiant says that he has no dependents abroad and that his parents are satisfied to have him emigrate for permanent residence.

Affiant further says that he has always been a law abiding resident, never convicted of any crime or misdemeanor, nor is he in anywise connected with any group or individual whose principles are contrary to that of organized government.

Günter Onapski

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 12 day
of Nov 1937.

Elsam Krushenk
Notary Public

Commission Expires 7-27-38



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March 16, 1937

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

Re: Gunter Czapski - 26
German Visitor - exten-
sion requested.

German Passport valid
4-27-39

My dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

We are sorry to crowd you with clients in this manner, but as there is still a great deal of difficulty at the Canadian ports, we must turn to you.

We hope that the enclosed documents on the foregoing are all in good order. You will notice that he has \$1200.00 on deposit in a bank and a great deal of valuable jewelry, which we hope the consul will consider as part of client's financial worth.

Will you please wire collect advising if Mr. Czapski may come, as he is planning to travel by bus and will have to make reservations a week in advance.

Again assuring you of our thanks, we are

Very truly yours,

Elsa M. Weinshenk
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March 18, 1937

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

Re: Gunter Czapski

My dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

When we wrote to you on the 16th on the foregoing, we failed to send you the attached letter from the bank as substantiating proof on Mr. Gassman's affidavit.

We were very happy to receive your letter on the Froeschel matter.

Sincerely yours,

Elsa M. Weinshenk
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Field Secretary

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March 22, 1937.

Re: Gunter Czapski-26
German Visitor.

Mrs. Elsa Weinshenk,
824 S. Halstead,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Weinshenk:-

In examining the papers with reference to the above case, I do not find the date of this young man's arrival, nor the time permitted him to stay. The affidavit from a friend is useless - the Consul refuses even to look at it. The brother is only making \$20.00 per week and a recent arrival in this country will not be considered favorable. You can readily see that the Consul will take exception to the fact that the brother secured labor which naturally was taken from some American worker. For that reason I have not presented the case to the Consul.

I would advise that Mr. Czapski await his extension and in-the-mean-time secure an affidavit from some long lost relative. If, however, extension is denied him, let him come at once and perhaps his personality will bring the favorable results that we seek. I would rather that he comes about the middle of April. It would give the Consul a breathing spell and I may get him in a more favorable frame of mind.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,
Field Executive.

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March 24, 1937

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

Re: Gunter Czapski

My dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

Replying to your letter of March 22 on the foregoing, please be advised that Mr. Czapski entered the states on February 3, 1937. He was granted an extension of stay until September 3, 1937.

We regret that we are unable to follow your suggestion and locate even a distant relative for Gunter, as his only relative here in the U. S. is his brother Hans. The friend making the affidavit, is really interested and would be willing to assist, should such financial assistance be necessary. You will notice that Gunter has a bank account of \$1200.00 and considerable valuable jewelry which he had appraised. He brought the jewelry to the office for our inspection and it really is valuable and worth quite a bit of money.

Regarding Gunter's personality, he makes a splendid appearance, comes from a cultured family, and his actions and manner stamp him a gentleman. He speaks a fair English.

You will notice that Mr. Czapski is interested in foot surgery and is enrolled at the institute. Is this a good talking point with the consul?

Awaiting your further advice on this case, we are

Very truly yours,

Elsa M. Weinschenk
Elsa M. Weinschenk
Field Secretary

CS

March 29, 1937.

Mrs. Elsa Weinschenk,
824 S. Halstead St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Weinschenk:-

Re: Gunter Czapski.

Let the young man come about the middle of the month and advise him to register at the Hilton Hotel and communicate with me upon arrival.

I will make every effort to secure for him the necessary quota number.

With Season's greetings, I am

Most Sincerely,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.

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March 30, 1937

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

Re: Gunter Czapski

My dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

Referring to the suggestion of "relatives" contained in your last letter, we do not think that the foregoing can possibly produce such a relative and we are wondering whether you could possibly prevail upon the consul to take Mr. Czapski.

However, if you feel that nothing can be done for him, we suggest that you return all of the documents and we shall try at some other port.

Hoping that you will be able to do your utmost for this young man, we are

Sincerely yours,

Elsa M. Weinshenk
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April 2nd, 1937

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
National Council Jewish Women
1016 Olive St.
El Paso Tex.

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

Re: Gunter Czapski

Thank you for your letter of March 29th,

Mr. Czapski is planning to be in El Paso on the 5th or 6th of April and will register at the Hilton Hotel as you suggested.

We sincerely hope that this case will meet with success and deeply appreciate your splendid cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Elsa M. Weinschenk
Elsa M. Weinschenk, Field Secretary

CS:DG

April 7, 1937.

Mrs. Elsa Weinschenk,
824 S. Halstead St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Weinschenk:-

I am pleased to inform you that Gunter Czopski received his visa and was legally admitted into the United States today.

My reason for suggesting that the applicant present his own papers is because when presented prior to their coming to this Border, it means a delay of from five to six weeks and the Consul can always find some technicality on which he can base a refusal. Therefore, in the future let the applicant come with his papers and run the chance of an acceptance or a refusal. I find this procedure more successful.

Mr. Szopski, will, upon his arrival in Chicago, explain this to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.

FZ:LG