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NATIONAL COUNCIL JEWISH WOMEN.

DEPARTMENT OF SERVICE FOR FOREIGN BORN
824 S. HALTED STREET
HAYMARKET 4593

MRS. ELSA M. WEINSHENK
Field Secretary

November
18
1937

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

Re: Horst Loewenthal - 17

My dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

The foregoing is here as a student, has matriculated at the University of Chicago, and has permission to remain in the U. S. until January 10, 1938. His German passport is valid until 6/24/38.

Mr. Loewenthal would like to change his status by going to Mexico and we are listing herewith the documents in his possession:

1. Birth Certificate
2. Police Certificate
3. Permission from his father to remain in the U.S.
(Mr. Loewenthal is a minor)
4. Letter from University of Chicago showing his matriculation at that institution.
5. Letter from bank showing checking account of over \$1,000, also stocks having a present market value of \$4900.00.
6. Affidavit from friend whose net worth is \$59,000; income \$15,000 annual.

We shall have Mr. Loewenthal obtain Chicago police certificate and photographs.

If you think these documents sufficient, please wire when Mr. Loewenthal may come to your office as he stated it would be convenient for him to be away from school for a few days at this time. Mr. Loewenthal is planning to fly to El Paso.

Again thanking you for your fine assistance, we are

Sincerely yours,

Elsa M. Weinschenk
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Field Secretary

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

El Paso, Texas,
November 30, 1937.

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

Advise Loewenthal to be here ~~on~~ the morning of December
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Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.

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MRS. ELSA M. WEINSHENK
Field Secretary

December
22
1937

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

My dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

May we thank you for your excellent work in helping Horst Loewenthal secure his visa.

We should like to ask you quite candidly if he presented any unusual complications. We feel that because of his youth and inexperience it is possible that he did not follow your instructions.

We would greatly appreciate your sending us a brief summary of your reactions toward Horst.

As you know, he has a considerable sum of money at his disposal and the Committee for the Readjustment of German Jews here would like as much information as we have on the boy, in order to determine his vocational aptitudes and make a general plan for the boy's future.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the fine work on Mr. Kinsky's case. He is very happy.

Sincerely yours,

Elsa Weinschenk
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December 27, 1937.

Re: Horst Loewenthal.

Mrs. Elsa M. Weinshenk,
824 S. Halstead St.,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Weinshenk:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst., and am glad to give you a detailed report of the case.

When I met the young man in the Hotel Lobby, I realized there would be complications because of his youth. I took him to Juarez, Mexico, and presented him to the American Vice-Consul (Pangburn) who after taking his application called me into the office and asked, "Who put ideas into this boy's head to ask for permanent entry - He is not entitled to it?" I told him that the boy was quite capable of knowing his own mind. The Vice-Consul then referred the case to Consul Shaw. They questioned his receiving his father's letter so soon after his arrival in the United States, which showed that his desire to remain in the United States was premeditated. Therefore, if he swore to the American Consul in Berlin that he was returning to Germany, he would have committed perjury. The next question was, "Why did he secure a police certificate from Berlin police department since that document is unnecessary for a visitor's visa?" He hesitated and then remarked, "I needed that certificate for another purpose, but cannot recall at this moment why." Mr. Shaw suggested that he accept a student's visa, to which of course, the boy refused. Then Mr. Shaw said, "I must find out about this boy, I will write to the American Consul in Berlin." I suggested, "Why not cable". He said, Why that cable will cost \$150. I turned to Horst and said, "Are you willing to spend \$150 for a cable?" He said, "Yes". I candidly think that the cable suggestion put a favorable impression on the case. However, Dr. Pangburn would not give him approval. In the afternoon I told the boy to go to the American Consul and plead his own case. In the cable that was sent to the American Consul in Berlin

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there were 100 words. The last sentence asked for a report on the boy on moral turpitude and perjury. Since these two charges were not found against him, the American Consul in Berlin granted the number.

Despite the fact that we ignore the Mexican laws in helping our people into Mexico and giving them protection while there to save them money, time and inconveniences, and present them to the Consul, which in itself carries weight, our young man in question, had the audacity to tell Mrs. Max Meyer, our National Director, that he did it all himself.

My suggestion for this boy is that he go to school. He should take up his studies at the University, as he swore to do in his application. They are likely to check up on this case and it will be most embarrassing to find that he outwitted the Government. Personally I found him quite a bright boy, but too sure of himself, and schooling will modify a number of his defects.

In mentioning the Kinsky case, Vice Consul Pangburn, said, that the reason that he accepted him favorably was because he was one of the few who was honest and told the truth, which he could not say in former cases.

With seasons greetings, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,
Field Executive.

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