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October 2, 1937

Mrs. Elsa Weinshenk
824 S. Halsted
Chicago, Ill

My dear Mrs. Weinshenk:

Re: Abraham Heller, Russian Wife, Rose Liba Genschprings, Russian Son, Isiah, age 16, Russian Son, Solomon, Born January 8, 1931, Mexico

The above family has been living in Mexico City for the past 12 years, and are now in El Paso on a visitor's visa. They are anxious to come into this country permanently, and Mr. Heller is asking our assistance.

Although he is financially able to take care of himself and family, he will need affidavits of support from members of his family in the United States. His father, a naturalized American citizen, is Jacob Geller(Heller) 220 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, Ill. He also has two brothers, Joe and Leon Geller.

Will you please contact these relatives, and other relatives, who are financially able, and secure from them affidavits of support. Accompanying the affidavits, I would suggest a letter of appeal written to the American Consul General in Mexico City, signed by his father and mother. To get this case through, it will require a great deal of appeal from his relatives in the United States, and a letter from some Senator or Congressman would carry weight.

My opinion about the Heller family is, that they will make very good citizens should they be admitted into the United States, but we have difficulties in approaching and convincing the American Consul in Mexico City.

Cordially yours,

National Council of Jewish Women

[Signature]

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky
Field Executive
October 25, 1937.

Honorable William P. Blocker,
Mexico City, D. F.

My Dear Mr. Blocker:

In introducing to you, the bearer, Abraham Heller, I am asking you to intercede in behalf of this man's plea for himself, wife and two sons to secure quota numbers from the land of their births and visas permitting them to enter the United States permanently.

My knowledge of this family is that they are honest and law-abiding, and that they have sufficient finances to convince the United States authorities that they will never become public charges. They can furnish, if necessary, Dun & Bradstreet statement of their financial status.

I am sure that if granted the privilege of entering the United States, they will become worthy citizens of our Country.

Thanking you for any courtesies extended this family, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky.

FZ:LG
October 27, 1937

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

My dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:

We have interviewed the Geller family regarding affidavits of support for the foregoing. However the immediate relatives will show a very poor affidavit; maximum amount of money will be $1,000.00. We have finally persuaded Mr. Harry Spak, who is a relative, to make affidavits of support. His position is sufficient to warrant an affidavit.

We shall complete these documents within the next few days and send them on to you.

Sincerely yours,

Elsa M. Weinshenk
Field Secretary
ELW:CS
October 28, 1937.

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

Dear Mrs. Weinshenk:

Referring to my letter of October 2nd, regarding the Abraham Heller case, it will be unnecessary for you to secure the affidavits. Through some trick of fate, the Heller family received quota numbers and visas at this Port of Entry. Thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Frank Zlebovsky,

FZ:LG