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Mrs. Frank Flabovsky,
1011 Olive Street,
El Paso, Texas.

Houston, Texas,
April 25. 1938.

Dear Madam:

Mr. Arthur Mandel, Houston Lawyer, advised me to contact you in a matter which causes me considerable worries and is of vital interest to me. It has to do with the possibilities involved in the Immigration to this country of two Jewish families from Europe.

I am sure that I need not stress the urgency and even tragedy of a situation over which German Jews have no control and which continuously breaks their spirits and makes them lose their self respect.

In the particular case under consideration, there seems to be only one problem: How to obtain a visa; the money problem seems to be of less importance, since both families advise me that they are in a position to pay their own fare.

Both parties are valuable from the standpoint of Immigration: One of them a writer, journalist and economist who has won recognition and now lives in exile in Italy, the other a formerly successful business man who leads a miserable existence in Germany.

The main question that I should like to ask you before giving you any details is : are you in a position and sufficiently interested in the general cause to be instrumental in obtaining Immigration Visas for these people. If so what are your instructions? If not what do you advise me to do?

Anticipating an answer at your convenience, I remain

respectfully yours

A. J. Herzenberg
A. J. HERZENBERG.
HOUSTON, TEXAS.
1403 GRAY.

May 6, 1938.

Mr. A. J. Herzenberg,
1403 Gray Street,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Mr. Herzenberg;

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 25th ~~inst.~~, and wish to assure you that I am vitally interested in relieving the situation for our unfortunates abroad and will be glad to help you with such advice as may benefit the specific cases mentioned in your letter.

On or about the 17th of this month, I expect to be in San Antonio and if it will be possible for you to come to that City, I will assist you with all the necessary documents required. You can find me at the home of Mrs. B. Karotkin, 212 East Cypress Street, San Antonio. Should you prefer that I take a special trip to Houston for this purpose and wish to defray the expense of such a trip, please advise me.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,
Field Executive.

FZ:LG

Houston, Texas, May 9. 1938.

Dear Mrs. Zlabovsky:-

I thank you very much indeed for your kind letter of May 6. and am very happy over the prospect of having a chance to discuss this matter with you personally.

It so happens that I will be in San Antonio on the 14. and the 15. of this month but, unfortunately, I shall have to be back to work on the 16. Please advise me whether you may arrange it to see me at the address given by you on the 15. (Sunday) for it would be much easier to talk things over with you than to write endless letters. If it is impossible for you to see me in San Antonio, I am afraid we will have to keep on corresponding.

Awaiting your reply I am ,

very sincerely yours,

Alfred J. Herzenberg
Alfred J. Herzenberg
1403 Gray
Houston, Texas .

May 12, 1938.

Mr. Alfred J. Herzenberg,
1403 Gray Street,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th inst., and wish to advise you that it will be impossible for me to be in San Antonio before the 16th of May. I will be there at least a week, and think it would be to your advantage that we discuss what problems you may have. Correspondence is somewhat inadequate in cases of this kind.

If you should decide to come to San Antonio during my stay there, you will find me the address mentioned in my previous letter.
(212 E. Cypress Street)

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,
Field Executive.

FZ:LG

Mrs Frank Zlabowski,
1016 Olive Street,
El Paso, Texas.

A.J. Herzenberg,
2804 University Blvd.
Houston, Texas.

Sept. 2. 1938.

Dear Mrs. Zlabowski:

If you remember we had an interview in San Antonio several months ago. At that time we discussed the Immigration-possibilities of a certain Jewish family. You advised us for them to come on a Visitors-Visa to the U.S., to stay here, for instance in Texas, a few months - to become familiar with the working conditions. Then to go to Mexico, to get the German Quota by cable and to acquire the permanent Immigration-Visa through your cooperation.

Now this friend cabled us whether it is allright to go directly from Europe to Mexico and to get there the permanent Immigration-Visa for the U.S.

As we did not speak about this possibility I have my doubts that this direct way will be successful.

Since I am now up against a definite answer which may be of grave consequences I am getting in touch with you prior to my cabling the answer.

If I get the cable right the party in question has apparently obtained a Mexican Visitors Visa since the U.S. Consulate in Berlin is now closed. The above family will probably proceed to that Mexican border town, the U.S. Consul of which is well acquainted with you. Kindly specify the name of this town in your reply.

I am very sorry to bother you again, but you will undoubtedly appreciate the seriousness of the situation I am in.

With kindest personal regards

yours

A.J. Herzenberg
A.J. Herzenberg,
Houston, Texas.

September 6, 1938.

Mr. A. J. Herzenberg,
2804 University Blvd.,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Mr. Herzenberg:

Answering your letter of September 2nd, which I received today, I wish to call your attention to the following law:

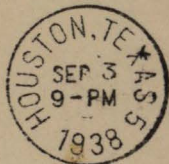
Section 17, An immigrant entering Mexico by water must remain in that Country for two years before he can apply for permanent entry into the United States. If he has a Mexican visa, he can go to the American Consul and ask for a transient visa to travel through the United States into Mexico, which will eliminate the section 17 clause. The applicant must deposit a bond of 750 Pesos per person to enter Mexico. I suppose the Mexican Consul in Berlin has explained that to your friend. If your friend enters Mexico, it will take several months before he can get a quota number because the German quota is blocked for the next few months to come.

If there is any other information you desire, do not hesitate to call on me.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Frank Zlabovsky,
Field Executive.

A.J. Herzenberg
Houston, Texas,
2804 University Blvd.



Mrs. Frank Z l a b o w s k i
1016 Olive Street

BY AIR MAIL

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