
Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

With further reference to your cable and my airmail reply of January 13, 1947, I am glad to inform you that Mr. Sagdahl called at the Embassy on January 15 and indicated, as I had assumed, that he was desirous of proceeding to the United States with his family.

The Embassy's files do not contain any record of his previous visit.

In response to his inquiry, he was told that the Embassy was prepared to issue an American passport in his favor as soon as he had made definite transportation arrangements for his return. Unfortunately, however, the Embassy was not in a position to comply with his request for a government loan to defray the cost of his passage and it was suggested to him that, if he could not obtain the necessary funds in this country, he might wish to seek assistance from his relatives in the United States.

Since Mr. Sagdahl's wife and child are French, it was pointed out to him that under existing law they would require immigration visas in order to accompany him. In this connection he was given the necessary forms to complete and file with the Visa Section of the Embassy.

While Mr. Sagdahl's apparent lack of funds may lead to some delay in concluding arrangements for his departure, the Embassy will be glad, as I indicated to you before, to act expeditiously as soon as he has fulfilled the necessary requirements.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
United Nations Secretariat,
New York, N. Y.
THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA


Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I have received your cable in which you ask my assistance in expediting the case of Mr. Christian Sagdahl who, I assume, is desirous of proceeding to the United States.

The Embassy's files do not contain any record of an application by Mr. Sagdahl and we are therefore without precise information concerning his intentions. However, we are getting in touch with him at once at the address given in your cable and you may be sure that I will be glad to do everything I can to ensure expeditious handling of his case.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
United Nations Secretary,
New York, N. Y.
US Ambassador
Paris, France

If you keep well, please keep me informed. Care of 
Christian Sage, 
11 Rue de la Tremoille 
Paris

Mr. J.

L. Hill
was an only child her parents were adamant and refused to allow her to return to America with her husband. So they stayed in France. Mr. Sagdahl was careful to retain his citizenship, in spite of the prejudices and hardships that resulted, and since he and Mrs. Sagdahl were married prior to 1922, (I believe the year is correct,) Mrs. Sagdahl became an American citizen when she was married. They lost everything with the German invasion of France, house car, etc., were taken separately to Germany as "slave labor," and only with the end of the war returned to France, and France came to America. However they have two sons, one who is studying to become a priest, is a brilliant student and feels he must remain in France until he completes his work. The other, the younger son, is in Paris, and has been trying desperately to come to this country with his wife and child. As I understand it, Christian Sagdahl, Jr., son, is an American citizen according to our laws, but his permit to leave France is being held up at the American Embassy in Paris on the more or less blackmailing system of talking him into enlistment in the American Army. If he does not leave France soon, he will be called up with his class by the French government. If I am
not mistaken, he would be exempt from service in this country, were he here, since he is twenty-four years old and married and has a child, and to be quite sure as one who feels humble before the devotion of his parents to this country, I feel humiliated that the representatives of our people in Paris should take such measures, and I feel that it is wrong.

Is there any chance that you could or would cable, at my expense, naturally the American Embassy in Paris, suggesting that such people, and as far as I am concerned, this day and night, should be given such possible help as they can, to come back to their families, and that we have working in the spirit of the best back to a complicated history, standpoint and citizen man, a Norwegian by birth, devoted and could an American citizen, by being served in the America in the first World War, the end of his period, married a French girl.
As far as possible I have avoided giving the names of persons, as it is not always possible to do so. However, in some cases it is necessary to reveal the names of individuals for the sake of accuracy. In such cases, I have provided as much information as possible about the sources of my information. This has been done with a view to ensuring the accuracy and reliability of the information presented. I have taken great care to ensure that the information I have included is as accurate as possible, and I hope that it will be of assistance to those who are interested in this subject.
will solve the problem.

( The difference in writing-
style is that my sons are

ly in bed, confining their ques-
tions to dreams and oblivion!)

With thanks immeasurable

law an in law in all you did

for my beloved and respected

parents-by-marriage, and with

apologies for troubling you fur-

ther, I am

yours very truly,

Betty B. Finsch

(Mrs. Harold Finsch)

P.S. Please spare no expense in
cable charges for it will be well
worth anything to all of us.