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January 13, 1939.

My dear Mr. President:

The attached is self-explanatory. It is anonymous and there is nothing we can do about it but I am passing it on to you. After you read it you can throw it in the wastebasket.

Sincerely yours,

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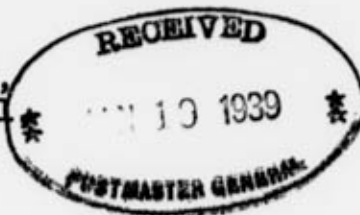
Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House.

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New York City,

January 9--1939

Hon. James Farley,
Postmaster General
Washington, D. C.



Dear Mr. Farley:

In the strongest terms I wish to denounce the State Department's recent policy toward Germany. No matter what Hitler does in his domestic policies, the fact remains that this is positively none of our affair.

I urge you to do everything in your power to block and oppose any further measures to aggravate Germany....eventually our school-ma'am attitude only leads us into a war, and I am utterly opposed to a war with Germany or with anyone else. Please remember, it is the Christian boys who will have to fight the war, not the Jews. They are in minority, and besides will cleverly contrive to evade military service wherever possible.

So I repeat again--don't let our dopey diplomats and our vote-hungry politicians sacrifice our boys for their personal ambitions.

A thoroughly disgusted
Citizen (and there are many
like me.)

January 14, 1939

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Respectfully referred to the Secretary of State.

M. H. McINTYRE
Secretary to the President

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Letter dated 12/25/38 from Judge Ben. B. Lindsey, The Superior Court, Los Angeles, Calif.

Re: Encloses petition to the Pres. signed by 6380 persons, requesting that severance of diplomatic relations with Germany be made permanent and that trade relations be severed as well.

Gelben
Habana, Cuba
5-28-39

Cablegram to the President, saying that 1000 men, women and children on S.S. St. Louis from Germany in great danger; not allowed to enter Havana. Asks aid for them, using influence on Cuban govt. to admit passengers.

Referred to State Dept., 5-29-39.

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May 15, 1939.

My dear Ralph:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May fifth, enclosing correspondence which has come to you from Bruno Stindt of Berlin, Germany.

I sincerely wish it were possible for me to help Stindt -- but to be perfectly frank, his request is one which is governed by the laws which regulate the State Department.

I have taken up the matter with the Department and they advise me that they have no record of Stindt's case. It is assumed, however, that upon registering as an intending immigrant at our Consulate General at Berlin, he was informed that with the present heavy demand against the German quota, his turn on the waiting list will not be reached for a protracted period. If the quota situation is the basis of his difficulty, I am told there is nothing that can be done under the law to expedite his case. Each application must be considered in accordance with its priority on the waiting list.

In an effort to be helpful, a copy of Bruno Stindt's letter is being forwarded to the consular officer in charge at Berlin with the request that he inform Herhardt Stindt of the provisions of the immigration laws and regulations thereunder.

I regret very much that I cannot be of greater assistance but in the circumstances my hands are tied. I am returning herewith the enclosures which you forwarded with your note of May fifth.

With kindest personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

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STEPHEN EARLY
Secretary to the President

Mr. Ralph E. Brasher,
Paramount Pictures Inc.,
1101 N. Capitol Street,
Washington, D. C.

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
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May 13, 1939

*President says she
checked with State
Dept. on phone & no
news was sent.
J. L. I*

My dear Mr. Early:

I have received your secretary's memorandum and correspondence therewith in connection with Mr. Gerhardt Stindt of Berlin, Germany, who wishes to migrate to this country.

The Department has no information in its files concerning Mr. Stindt's case. I assume, however, that upon registering as an intending immigrant at our Consulate General at Berlin he was informed that with the present heavy demand against the German quota his turn on the waiting list will not be reached for a protracted period. If the quota situation is the basis of his difficulty there is nothing that can be done under the law to expedite his case. Each application must be considered in accordance with its priority on the waiting list. Nevertheless, I am forwarding

The Honorable

Stephen Early,

Secretary to the President,

The White House.

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forwarding a copy of Mr. Bruno Stindt's letter to the consular officer in charge at Berlin with the request that he inform Mr. Gerhardt Stindt of the provisions of the immigration laws if they have not already been explained to him.

Mr. Bruno Stindt may be assured that his son's case will receive every consideration consistent with the immigration laws and regulations thereunder.

The enclosures to your memorandum are returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,



A. M. Warren
Chief, Visa Division

Enclosures:

1. Six communications.
2. Photograph.
3. Information sheet.

PARAMOUNT PICTURES INC.



May 5, 1939.

Mr. Stephen T. Early
7704 Morningside Drive, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Steve:

Today, I received the enclosed from Bruno Stindt, our representative of Paramount News in Berlin, Germany.

Bruno and I have become quite good friends through our mutual interest in collecting stamps.

It seems that Bruno has met with failure in his many attempts to have his son, Gerhard admitted to the United States, and he has asked me to send you this letter direct to your private address. I know he would greatly appreciate anything you might be able to do for him.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Ralph E. Brasher

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BERLIN-TEMPELHOF
M. v. RICHTHOFENSTR. 30

Berlin, April 25th. 1939.

Mr. Early,
Private Secretary to
President Roosevelt.

Dear Mr. Early:-

Please excuse me if I take the liberty of asking you for a favor. I hope you will remember me still; on occasion of your trip to Germany you visited me in my home in Berlin. Dear Mr. Early, the matter refers to my son Gerhard who is a half-Aryan and has no future here in Germany; my wife is a Jewess. Up to the present it was impossible for me to accommodate him with Paramount, although I have been working there since 15 years as a cameraman, and have applied in my son's behalf from Mr. Zukor up to the General-Manager in Paris, Mr. Lange, but all was in vain.

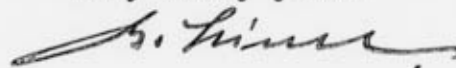
There might be a lack of understanding my situation: My boy is 19 years of age, and I beg to enclose his photo. He is a cameraman like myself. In Germany it is impossible for him to work, i.e. prohibited. Unfortunately we have no relatives abroad who could be of assistance to us, for which reason you will understand that I take the liberty of bothering you with this letter.

Gerhard also has references from Associated Press; he has been working for them here, and is well acquainted with the manager of Associated Press in Germany, Mr. Lochner, who will also enclose a few lines to you. I take the liberty of enclosing testimonial copies. Would it be possible for you to help me in this matter?

I assume that you are in the best of health; my wife, daughter and son send their best regards. When will we have the pleasure of seeing you again?

Thanking you in anticipation for your trouble, I am with best wishes

Very truly yours



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PARAMOUNT FILM DISTRIBUTING CORPORATION



May 18, 1939

Mr. Stephen Early,
Secretary To The President,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Steve:

Thank you so much for your letter of May 15, regarding
Bruno Stindt's boy, Gerhard.

I know very well what a difficult proposition this is
and it was needless for you to assure me that you have
done everything you could, even though that may not be
so very much help to Bruno, but I am sure that he in
turn appreciates your efforts.

For Bruno's information, I am taking the liberty of
sending your letter and also the enclosures back to
him in Germany.

I suppose you boys are all pretty well hot and bothered
about the forthcoming visit of their Britannic Majesties.

Kindest regards and again thanking you, I am,

Sincerely,


Ralph E. Brasher.

INTERIOR, Secretary of
March 8, 1939.

The President, by memo., asked him to consult the Secretary of Labor re the following: Letter from Renee A. Calvin, Nijmegen, Netherlands, dated Feb. 5th, to Mr. Harold L. Ickes, with attached letter from Dr. Arno Nohlen, Dusseldorf, Germany, to Mr. Ickes. Dr. Nohlen, who must leave Germany, asks permission to enter the U. S. Attaches personal history sheet.

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