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Goldschmidt, Richard

HENDERSON, Professor Yandell
New Haven, Conn.
June 3, 1937

Wrote Mr. James Roosevelt, enclosing copy of letter which he received from Richard Goldschmidt, May 31, 1937, re admission into the United States for temporary stay of Mrs. Ilse Siedler Goldschmidt, wife of Hans Goldschmidt, and the procedure she may follow in order to reside permanently in this country. - These letters were referred to the Secretary of Labor by Mr. James Roosevelt June 22, for report. -- The Secretary of Labor sent a memo to Mr. James Roosevelt on June 25 and stated that in order to apply for permanent admission under the immigration laws, Mrs. Goldschmidt must present an immigration visa issued by an American consul, and must proceed to foreign territory to do so. Indicates that Mrs. Goldschmidt, in entering this country for permanent residence, is subject to quota limitations imposed by law upon natives of Germany. Mrs. Perkins attached certain forms and publications pertaining to a case of this kind. -- Mr. James Roosevelt wrote Professor Henderson on June 29, attaching copy of letter from the Labor Department on this subject.

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My dear Professor Henderson:

Some time ago you wrote to me
regarding Professor Richard E. Goldschmidt. X
I took the matter up with the Labor Department, and the attached is a copy of the Secretary's reply to same.

Very sincerely yours,

Administrative Assistant
to the President

Professor Yandell Henderson, X
440 Prospect Street,
New Haven,
Connecticut.

Enclosure.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

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June 25, 1937.

Memorandum for Mr. James Roosevelt,
Administrative Assistant to the President.

Permit me to refer to your communication of the 22d instant, forwarding letter and its enclosures from Mr. Yandell Henderson of 440 Prospect Street, New Haven, Conn., regarding the admission into the United States for temporary stay of Mrs. Ilse Goldschmidt, nee Siedler, wife of Mr. Hans Goldschmidt, and the procedure which she may follow in order to reside permanently in this country. #

In order to apply for permanent admission under the immigration laws, Mrs. Goldschmidt must present an immigration visa issued by an American consul. The requirement of such document is mandatory where permanent admission is desired. As a visa can be granted only upon an alien's personal appearance before a consular officer, it will be necessary for Mrs. Goldschmidt to proceed to foreign territory to obtain the document. The accompanying publication of the Immigration and Naturalization Service furnishes information relative to the requirements for visas. Mrs. Goldschmidt need not return to her native land to apply for a visa, as she may proceed to foreign contiguous territory for that purpose. If she wishes to go to Canada, and notifies the Department of her desire in the matter, the Immigration and Naturalization Service will arrange to examine her prior to departure in order to determine whether she will be admissible for permanent residence if and when a visa is obtained, and will assist her in gaining entry into Canada for the purpose stated. Mrs. Goldschmidt may find that it will be more convenient to proceed to Mexico, but no assistance in entering that country for the purpose of obtaining an immigration visa from an American consul and returning to the United States can be extended to her by this Department. She should take up the matter of entry into that country with Mexican authorities.

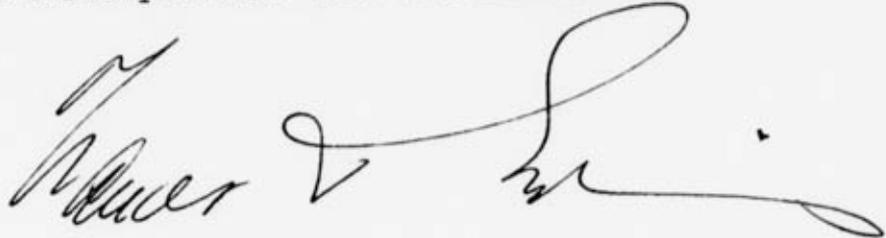
In entering this country for permanent residence Mrs. Goldschmidt apparently is subject to quota limitations imposed by law upon natives of Germany. However, this fact apparently will be no obstacle in her case since the quota for Germany is only partially filled, and as the wife of an alien who has been lawfully admitted into this country for permanent residence, she may be granted preference in the issuance of a quota immigration visa. It would be advisable for Mr. Goldschmidt to submit an application for verification of his admission on Form 575, a copy of which is enclosed. Upon receipt of such application by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, steps will be taken to convey information as to

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his status to the American consul to whom Mrs. Goldschmidt will apply for an immigration visa, to the end that her eligibility for preference may be shown. If it appears that it may not be possible for her to leave the United States before expiration of the six-months' period for which she was permitted to enter, it is suggested that she execute an application for extension of such period.

I return herewith the correspondence from Mr. Henderson.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Walter D. [unclear]". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed text.

Enclosures.

June 22, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of Labor.

My dear Madam Secretary:

I send the attached to you. Would you be so kind as to let me have some report that I may, in turn, send to Mr. Henderson?

Many thanks.

Very sincerely yours,

Administrative Assistant
to the President

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Letter from Vandell Henderson, New Haven, Conn., 440 Prospect St., June 3, 1937, re daughter-in-law of Professor Richard B. Goldschmidt who came to this country on a six month's visa from Germany and while here married Professor Goldschmidt's son in Berkeley, California; she is in danger of having to leave this country and writer requests consideration of her case.

June 7, 1937

Dear Mr. Henderson:

Thank you for your letter of the third. I shall be very glad to look into the case, and will let you know when I have some definite information.

With best wishes to you,
Very sincerely yours,

Administrative Assistant
to the President

Yandell Henderson, Esq.
440 Prospect Street
New Haven
Connecticut

YANDELL HENDERSON
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

440 Prospect St.

June 3, 1937

Mr. James Roosevelt
Executive Offices
The White House
Washington, D. C.

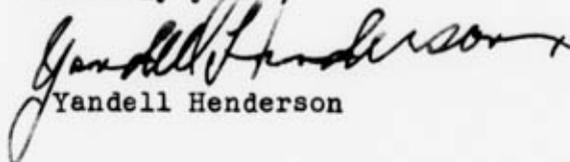
Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

May I again impose upon your kindness? It is on behalf of a colleague, Professor Richard B. Goldschmidt, one of the most eminent of German scientists who, because he is Jewish, was discharged from his position in the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute and has found refuge in the University of California. Or rather it concerns his daughter-in-law, who is not Jewish and who, in order to escape from Germany, had to avoid coming to this country under quota, is here now only on a six month's visa and was married to Professor Goldschmidt's son in Berkeley, California a few days ago. Both Professor Goldschmidt and his son are here permanently in entire conformity to our regulations, but at present the daughter-in-law (Mrs. Hans Goldschmidt, Ilse Siedler) is in danger of having to leave this country, and is almost certain to be severely punished for "racial contamination" if she has to return to Germany.

This is certainly a case deserving leniency in the U. S. Immigration authorities. And I should greatly appreciate your advice and assistance in obtaining permission for Mrs. Goldschmidt to remain permanently in this country with her husband.

I enclose a statement of the essential facts regarding the young couple and a copy also of Professor Goldschmidt's letter to me. I might add that I am intimately acquainted with Professor Goldschmidt and his son as they happened to be here when the war broke out in 1914 and to have lived in New Haven while he worked here at Yale for several years.

Sincerely yours,


Yandell Henderson

C O P Y

May 21, 1937.

My dear Henderson:

It is an old rule^s that you do not hear from your friends except if they want something from you. This letter is no exception. I want to enlist your help in a very complicated matter, knowing that you have relations with the Dept. of Labor in Washington, which is involved in the case.

My son Hans has been engaged to be married for many years, but under Nazi law he could not marry the girl as this would have constituted what the brown beasts call "Rassenschande." To make it worse, the girl's father is a Nazi party member, though he disapproves of these things and was in favor of the marriage. Hans has now lawfully immigrated into this country with a quota visa. The girl, however, would not dare to ask for such a visa. If it were known that she was to leave with Hans, to be married abroad, there was danger that the Nazis would have prevented her, even that both would have been jailed. Therefore she had to leave, independently of Hans, with a visitor's visa for half a year and a round trip ticket. Everything went off all right, both are now here living with us, and they will be married Thursday.

And now the great problem comes: in order to be able to remain here she must immigrate legally. Though there is a kind of a presidential order existing (I am told) to be lenient with the poor victims of Nazi madness, the immigration officers and laws are the most difficult ones to deal with. There are very definite and harsh rules, which do not provide for such exceptional cases as this one. (Of course no decent people would foresee such beastliness.) I think therefore that a personal intervention with the Dept. of Labor, which handles the immigration cases, is the only way to solve our problem. Do you think that you have the necessary "pull" down there to assist us in our ugly problem?

The whole family is now together. Ruth has taken over again all her medical examination and will start work as physician. Hans, an engineer, is ready to take whatever he can find and his bride, a very fine girl, is our third child. We live in a charming house and are very happy in the beautiful California setting.

I hope you and Mrs. Henderson will drive out here one day and visit us. It is really worth while.

With kind regards, "von Haus zu Haus."

Yours sincerely,

Richard Goldschmidt

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Hans Goldschmidt, engineer , entered the United States in the port of New York on April 29, 1937. He arrived on the "SS Washington " of the United States Lines. His ~~P~~assport has been issued Berlin Germany December 23, 1932 No. 1574/161/32. His Quota Visa has been issued by the American Consulate Berlin Germany on March 16, 1937, with the number 3131. His Identification Card is numbered 846167.

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Ilse Siedler , daughter of Mr. E.J. Siedler, Professor of Architecture in the Prussian Institute of Technology Berlin Charlottenburg, living at Berlin -Zehlendorf Hohenzollernstrasse 4. She entered the United States in the port of New York on April 29, 1937 on the "SS Washington " of the United States Lines. Her Visitors Visa has been issued by the American Consulate Berlin Germany on March 23 , 1937 , No 2162 , admitted at New York Service Number 2513 for six months. Her ~~P~~assport has been issued in Berlin Germany 1932 , No 1563/161/32.
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Both were married in Berkeley California May 25 , 1937 by Rev. Trabert of Berkeley , under License issued in the New Courthouse Oakland May 18 , 1937. They are living in the house 621 Arlington Berkeley California owned by the parents of Mr. Goldschmidt Dr. and Mrs. Richard B. Goldschmidt, Professor of Zoology on the University of California.

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Mr. James Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

May I express my deep appreciation of the care you have taken in the case of Mrs. Hans Goldschmidt. I have forwarded the papers to Professor Goldschmidt at the University of California and trust that she will be admitted on quota and ultimately naturalized.

With many thanks,

Sincerely yours,

Yandell Henderson
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