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March 26, 1945

Mr. H. S. Klotz
Private Secretary to Secretary of the
Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Jr.
Treasury Department
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Klotz:

I refer to my letter of the 2nd of February to which I have not had any reply. I understood from your office that you have been away and I am hoping that you have now returned and will be able to give me some helpful suggestions or something more tangible regarding the matter we are discussing.

Thanking you in advance and with kind regards, I remain

Very Cordially yours



Arthur Judell

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

April 4, 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. KLOTZ

Subject: Laqueur Visa Case

I have consulted our visa people in regard to this case. As you doubtless know the proceedings of the Visa Committees are confidential and I was not informed of all the facts which motivated the Committee in reaching its negative decision on this case. The basic principles involved, however, would appear to be the following.

At the outset of the war the President instructed the visa authorities that visas should not be issued to enemy aliens except in certain special cases. These appear to have been decided to be the following: (1) when the applicant is in danger of his life in his present place of residence, (2) when he has very close relatives such as wife, husband or children in the United States or (3) when some special skill which he has would be of use to this country's war effort. It would appear that none of these special circumstances obtain in the case of Mr. and Mrs. Laqueur and they have therefore been held by the Visa Committees to be inadmissible under the present law and regulations.

The file on this case which Mr. Morgenthau gave me is returned to you herewith.


Charles W. Yost
Executive Secretary
Executive Staff Committees

Enclosure:

File on Laqueur
Visa Case.

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April 11, 1945.

Dear Mr. Judell:

I am sorry that I have not been able to write you before this about the case of Mr. and Mrs. Laqueur. Now I am sorry to say that I can only pass on an unfavorable report. The Secretary himself looked into the matter, but there seems to be no appeal from the decision of the Visa Committee, which refused to grant the visas in question.

The final exchange of memoranda and comments between this office and the State Department confirms the earlier refusal to look favorably upon the application of Mr. and Mrs. Laqueur.

I am very sorry to have to pass this news on to you, and particularly regret the long wait which has kept these applicants and their sponsors uncertain as to the ultimate outcome.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) H. S. Klotz

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Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Jr.
Secretary of the Treasury
Treasury Department
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Henry:

I want to thank you and Mr. Klotz for your kindness in making an effort to obtain the visa for Mr. and Mrs. Laqueur. I am sure both of you must have gone to a great deal of trouble. Mr. Klotz has been very agreeable and pleasant in his correspondence with me and I appreciate it.

It is to be regretted that this visa was not granted and of course I have my own mental reservation for the reason of it and no doubt you think along the same line I do as there can be no possible valid reason for excluding these people.

With kind regards and again thanking you, I
am

Very cordially yours



AJ:DT

Arthur Judell

*Helen asked me to send you her
kindest regards.*