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October 8, 1944

W. H. Lesser  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lesser:

The Department of Justice advised me on September 29, 1944, that they had informed the War Refugee Board of granting my father the Immigration Visa. I hope you have received it by this time.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter I received from the State Department concerning Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Fabian, my sister and brother-in-law. The State Department's letter gives me some hope that possibly you will be able to do something for them. I would much appreciate your giving this matter your careful consideration.

I shall take the liberty of calling you on the telephone on Wednesday, in reference to this.

Very truly yours

*Paul E. Kern*

Paul E. Kern

W/e  
enc.

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Address Official Communications To  
The Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C. 25

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Washington

In reply refer to  
VD 811.111 Fabian, Alexander

Sent. 23, 1944

My dear Mr. Kern:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 5, 1944 concerning the cases of your sister, Mrs. Helen Fabian, and her husband, Mr. Alexander Fabian.

The files of the Department do not disclose the receipt of an approved visa petition in favor of Mr. and Mrs. Fabian. The number V-23017 to which you refer relates to the petition which you executed on behalf of your father, Julius Kern, on the basis of which the former American Legation at Budapest was authorized on April 22, 1941 to grant your father preference status within the immigration quota allotted to Hungary.

It may be pointed out, however, that the cases of Mr. and Mrs. Fabian have been the subject of previous correspondence in the Department and that on May 23, 1941 a report by cablegram was received from the former Legation at Budapest to the effect that their applications for immigration visas had been approved but that it was not possible to issue them visas at that time because of the nonavailability of Hungarian quota numbers for their use.

Subsequently, in accordance with the centralized visa control procedure which became effective on July 1, 1941, the cases of Mr. and Mrs. Fabian were submitted to the Department of State for an advisory opinion.

However,

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However, before the examination of their cases was concluded, war conditions made it necessary to close the Legation at Budapest and no further action has been possible on their cases.

Whenever it may be possible for Mr. and Mrs. Fabian to reach a territory where American consular visa services are available, the Department will be pleased to give further consideration to their cases and will indicate such additional documents which it may be necessary to furnish in connection with their proposed applications for immigration visas.

Sincerely yours,

ELIOT B. COULTER  
Acting Chief, Visa Division

Mr. Lester:

Please note - there appears to be a typographical error since my sister is referred to as "Helen" instead of "Edith".

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*Answered  
by  
telephone  
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September 22, 1944

Mr. N. Lesser  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lesser:

I will not be able to be in Washington on Wednesday but if I get through early in Philadelphia on Tuesday, I will try to reach you on the telephone to find out whether you have any time available for me.

Now, that my father has permission for an American Immigration Visa, do you think it would be advisable and feasible for me to wire some money to the Swiss Consulate for my father?

With appreciation for all your efforts to help, I am

Yours truly

*Paul E. Kern*  
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September 20, 1944

Mr. N. Lesser  
War Refugee Board  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lesser:

In accordance with your suggestion I telephoned the Immigration and Naturalization Division of the Department of Justice and asked them to advise you that the issuance of an Immigration Visa to my father, Julius Kern, has been approved. In case you have not received their notification at this writing, I would appreciate it if you would call me on the telephone and reverse the charges. For your information the Department of Justice file number on this matter is V 312603 - V/P&PXU.

Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday the 27th, I am

Yours very truly

*Paul E. Kern*  
Paul E. Kern

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

WAR REFUGEE BOARD

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*We need for the letter. Kern has been in personally - and I and W. has already approved petition re his parents U.S.C.*

Dear Mr. Kern:

In connection with your efforts to assist your relatives in Hungary, you will be interested to know that the War Refugee Board, in collaboration with the Department of State, has recently developed a special program calculated to benefit certain categories of persons in enemy territory. These include the parents, spouses, and unmarried minor children of United States citizens and the wives and unmarried minor children of resident aliens.

While no assurances can be given as to the success of the plan, I suggest that you promptly file with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a petition to establish your father as a person entitled to a preference quota immigration visa as the father of a United States citizen. Your petition should be accompanied by a letter stating that it is being filed at the suggestion of the War Refugee Board. The necessary form is enclosed for your convenience.

Since this program is based upon the statutes relating to the issuance of non-quota and preference quota immigration visas, I regret that it does not apply to your sister and her family. Please be assured, however, that the Board is going and will continue to do everything in its power to aid the victims of Nazi persecution in Hungary and elsewhere. We sincerely hope that all of your relatives have benefited by our general efforts to this end.

Very truly yours,

*J. W. Pehle*  
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Executive Director

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New York, New York

Enclosure

*Paul E. Kern*  
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Dear Mr. Kern:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 21 addressed to Mr. Lessor.

The transfer of funds to individuals in enemy territory cannot be lawfully effected without a license from the Treasury Department. It is my understanding that such licenses are not issued except in the case of American citizens or general relief projects approved by the Board. You may, however, if you so desire, make inquiry at the Federal Reserve Bank, 70 Pine Street, New York City.

As to communication, I believe that it is possible for you to communicate with your relatives through the Red Cross.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. W. Fehle

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*Copy to Lessor*

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July 21, 1944

Mr. Lesser  
War Refugee Board,  
Treasury Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lesser:

First of all permit me to express my gratitude in connection with the efforts that you are extending in saving the lives of some refugees including my father and sister.

I am informed that the American Red Cross has been transmitting cables in cases of emergency to some of these people and that in instances where the persons abroad were American citizens, funds can be transferred to the Swiss Legation and the refugees can be advised by cable through the American Red Cross that such funds are at their disposal at the Swiss Embassy. If the same privilege can be extended to immediate relatives of American Citizens, I could cable such sums to my father and sister and it may be a life saver to them. I want to ask you, therefore, to try to get such permission for me.

In order to complete your records, I am listing their addresses below:

My father's address is:  
Mr. JULIUS KERN, (age 73, retired)  
Terezkorut 27,  
Budapest, Hungary.

My brother-in-law and sister's address is:  
MR. ALEXANDER FABIAN, (age 49, lawyer)  
MRS. ALEXANDER (EDITH) FABIAN, (age 38, housewife)  
Andrassyut 77,  
Budapest, Hungary.

My two nephews:  
GABRIEL FABIAN, (age 16, student) same address  
GEORGE FABIAN, (age 14, student) same address

Thanking you in advance, I am

Yours truly

*Paul E. Kern*  
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