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October 9, 1944

Mr. Lesser

To: Refiner Board

Date: September 29, 1944

Subject: Oil Refiner Board Inquiry

Dear Mr. Lesser:

The Department of Justice advised us on September 29, 1944, that they have informed the Oil Refiner Board of your inquiry. We have given your inquiry the full consideration it deserves.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter I received from the Department of Justice on September 29, 1944. The letter states that your inquiry is being given full consideration. I hope you have received my letter by this time.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter I received from the Oil Refiner Board on September 29, 1944. The letter states that your inquiry is being given full consideration. I hope you have received my letter by this time.

I shall be in the office on Wednesday, in reference to this.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

PAUL E. KERN

ATTORNEY AT LAW

SIXTY BROAD STREET

NEW YORK, N.Y.

WHITEHALL 3-3474
In reply refer to
VD 811,111 Fabian, Alexander

Sept. 22, 1944

Mr. Zemar

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

The files of the Department do not disclose the
receipt of the approved visa petition in favor of Mr. and
Mrs. Fabian. The number [14337] to which you refer
relates to the petition which was executed on behalf of
your father, Julius Zemar, on the basis of which the
former American Legation at Budapest was authorized on
April 17, 1941 to grant your father reference 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 28,
1941 a report by cables 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,

Mr. Paul Zemar,

Attorney at Law,
61 Broad Street,
New York, New York.
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 recognition visas.

Sincerely yours,

ELIOT H. COUTER
Acting Chief, Visa Division

Mr. Leader:

Please note—there seems to be a typographical error since our sister is referred to as "Reid" instead of "Edith".

R. V.
Mr. N. Lesser
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

[Signature]

Paul E. Korn

September 22, 1944
September 20, 1944

Mr. N. Lesser
U.S. 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 31925 - W/69713.

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

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

PAUL E. KERN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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K/e
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-quotas 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-quotas and preference-quotas immigration visas, I regret that it does not apply to your sister and her family. Please be assured, however, that the Board is doing 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,

[Signature]

Executive Director

Mr. Paul B. Kern
60 Spear Street
New York, New York

Enclosure
Dear Mr. Kern:

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

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. Pohle

J. W. Pohle,
Executive Director.

Mr. Paul E. Kern,
60 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

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[Signature]
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 58, housewife)
Andrássyut 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.