

Requests for Specific Aid: Unger, Fritz

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Mrs. Fritz Unger  
610 West 141 Street,  
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Unger:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 28, 1945.

The Board's special program with respect to the spouses, minor children and parents of American citizens and the wives and minor children of resident aliens is based upon the statutes relating to the issuance of non-quota and preference quota visas. For this reason, the benefits of the program cannot be extended to other than the specified categories of persons. There is, unfortunately, no specific action which the Board can take in behalf of your stepfather beyond its general efforts in the interest of the victims of enemy persecution.

Please be assured, however, that the Board is doing and will continue to do everything in its power to save and protect as many of these people as possible, and we earnestly hope that your stepfather may benefit from these general measures.

Very truly yours,

William O'Dwyer

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Executive Director

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MRS. FRITZ UNGER  
610 WEST 141 STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

February 28th, 1945

War Refugee Board  
Washington 25, D.C.

Gentlemen:

A few weeks ago I filed a visa petition for my mother Toni Flatow, nee Sackel and for my stepfather Max Flatow, last known address of both Gelsberg Strasse 33, Berlin, Germany.

The petition for my mother was approved by the U.S. Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization, but not the petition for my stepfather. The Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization wrote me in a letter from February 8th - File number V.318059, Emma Stern Unger, V/P&PXU- that your office was informed of the action in the case of my mother and of my stepfather. On my request what I could do in the case of my stepfather the Department of Justice Immigration and Naturalization suggested, that I should get in touch with your office.

I am as much concerned about the welfare of my stepfather as of that of my mother for the following reasons:

My father left my mother with four children when I was 6 years old. My stepfather married my mother when I was 10 years of age and ever since cared for my brothers and sister and me and supported us. He brought us up and gave us a good ~~and~~ education. No real father could have cared better for us or could have more tender feelings for us and vice versa. The only reason why he did not adopt us was, that due to the German law people cannot adopt children as long as they are young enough to have children of their own.

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The idea of bringing my mother to this country and leaving my stepfather behind is very hard and painful for me.

I would be much obliged if you would advise me of the steps I could take to supply my stepfather with a visa just the same once both of my parents are found.

Moreover I would like to know what your office could do or would do to help my stepfather and if there is anything else I could possibly do in his behalf.

Sincerely Yours

*Emma Unger*

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