

August tenth
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Honorable Michael J. Kirwan,
Member of Congress,
332 Post Office Bldg.,
Youngstown, Ohio.

My dear Congressman Kirwan:

Your letter of August 10, addressed to the Secretary of Labor, concerning your interest in the desire of Mr. Ephraim Berman to facilitate the issuance of an immigration visa to his brother JACOB BISHMAN of Vienna, was referred to this office for attention. It is noted that your constituent has forwarded certain documents to his brother, setting forth his financial standing and that he is able to provide for his brother if he is allowed to come to this country.

It is suggested that any inquiries or representations, which interested persons may wish to make in behalf of the prospective immigrant, be addressed direct to the American Consul at Vienna. The law charges the consuls with entire responsibility in the granting of visas to aliens who wish to come to this country. Inasmuch as the consuls are under the control of the Department of State this office does not correspond with them or instruct them.

After the necessary visa has been issued to your constituent's brother, arrangements may be made for his transportation to this country. Upon his arrival at a United States port of entry, his case will be considered by officials of this Service, to determine his admissibility according to the provisions of the immigration laws. There is attached, a pamphlet of general information regarding these laws, as well as a circular in regard to the classes of aliens excluded from admission to this country.

Cordially yours,

EDW. J. SHAUGHNESSY
Deputy Commissioner.

Encls.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Honorable Michael J. Kirwan,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL
Vienna, Germany
August 29th, 1938

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated August 10th, 1938, concerning the immigration case of Mr. Jacob Bierman, resident of Vienna, and to inform you as follows.

Intending immigrants whose evidence is found upon preliminary examination to be sufficient and satisfactory are notified to that effect by letter, and are invited for the personal examination and to execute formal visa application as soon as their turns on the waiting list are reached and quota numbers for their use become available. On the other hand, immigrants whose evidence of support is found insufficient are advised in what respect the evidence is insufficient in order that they might take steps to obtain from their sponsors the required additional evidence. The demand that has been registered against certain quotas, including the quota for Germany, is so heavy that the likelihood of numbers being available in the cases of applicants with recent registrations on the waiting list is precluded for some time to come. An applicant for a quota immigration visa may not be issued a visa out of his proper turn with other registrants at the Consulate General, since the effect of such action would be to accord the applicant illegal preference.

Please assure the persons interested in the case of the prospective immigrants that everything possible is being done by this office to handle with the utmost expedition all cases, and that their application will be taken up for final consideration as soon as the turn on the waiting list is reached and a quota number becomes available.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leland B. Morris".

Leland B. Morris
American Consul General

AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE

Vienna, September 2 , 1938.

My dear Mr. Congressman:

In forwarding to you this reply to your inquiry, I beg to express my regret that it has not been possible to answer promptly, nor give you full information. You are, of course, aware of the unprecedented demand for immigration visas at this Consulate General. The present letter is intended to let you know that your inquiry has been received and that your interest in this case has been noted.

I understand and sympathize with the natural desire of the interested persons at home to learn when and whether the applicant will get the visa. I and my staff are bending every effort to expedite examinations and to reach final decisions.

Yours respectfully,



Lelan B. Morris

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