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Feb. 7th, 1940

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

Dear Mike:

I suppose its all right to call even a Congressman Mike, especially when you consider him a friend, and of that I have no doubt. Therefore when writing to a friend you cannot be very formal, so I am going to ~~talk~~ to you in plain English, and I will appreciate all the help you can give me in this particular case, as I am certain you can be of great assistance to me.

On April 12th, 1939 an Aunt of mine together with a boy almost 13 years of age came to this country from Palestine as visitors, but as a Polish citizen. She has been residing in Palestine for a good many years but to this date she has always been a Polish citizen, and has been compelled to go back to Poland every five years to re-new her citizenship papers, and on this May 27th, 1940 she is supposed to go back again, and at which date her extension in this country expires together with her boy's. She is a very talented person about my age, and is a graduate nurse. Since coming here she has had several extensions as follows. The first one upon arrival which was for six weeks, the second one for six months, and now she has another extension until May 27th.

Now then, what I am trying to get at is this. She is highly terrified at the thought that she may have to go back to Poland, which is practically the same thing as condemning someone to either certain torture and hardships or slow starvation. I know that you are as much or more acquainted with conditions there than I am, so there is no necessity of describing to you what she can expect there if she is forced to go back. Therefore if it is at all possible to make her stay here a permanent one for herself and her boy, I want to do everything possible to accomplish that fact, and if anyone can help me, I know it is you Mike. So if you want to save two lives, which is exactly what this means, please do everything within your power to get them a permanent residence in this country. I am appealing to you not only as a friend, but also from an humanitarian stand-point.

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Dear Mike:

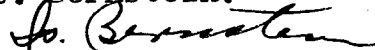
I have talked about this case with our Rabbi, Nathan Kollin, whom you no doubt know, and also to quite a few influential people and they all advised me to get in touch with you, as you are the only one that can help me.

My wife(Sadie) happened to see your friend W. J. Williams of the bankruptcy court the other day and she mentioned this case to him, and he also stated that you can do a lot for them.(By the way he sends his regards). I know you are a very busy man Mike, but also know that you are never too busy to do a good deed, and this is one opportunity you have in doing a real deed, which you will be blessed for the rest of your life and which I will never forget. Please do not set this letter aside Mike, but get to work on it as soon as possible as the time is getting short before their extension expires again.

With kindest personal regards to you and to Miss Messerly from the Missus and myself, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Is. Bernstein.



P. S. They arrived on The President Harding April 12th, 1939.

Her name is Zysla Goldszak, and the boy's is, Azriel Goldszak. They are recorded and all correspondence has been coming from, U. S. Department of Labor, Immigration and Naturalization Service. Ellis Island, New York Harbor, N. Y. File # 99460/224. Byron H. Uhl, District Director, N. Y. District, is the man who sends her the extension papers from time to time.

February Ninth
1940

Mr. Edward J. Shaughnessy
Bureau of Immigration & Naturalization
Department of Labor
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Shaughnessy:-

The enclosed letter has been received
from Mr. Isadore Bernstein, 18 North Walnut Street,
Youngstown, Ohio.

I will be deeply grateful for any help
or assistance you might be able to render his re-
latives. Mr. Bernstein is a personal friend of mine
and I can vouch for his honesty and reliability.

With kindest regards and heartiest best
wishes, believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress

February Ninth
1940

Mr. Isadore Bernstein
18 N. Walnut Street
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Is:-

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your very kind letter of February 7th.

I have today contacted the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization of the Department of Labor, requesting them to give the case of Mrs. Goldszak and her son their earnest and careful consideration.

With kindest regards and heartiest best wishes, believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON

ADDRESS REPLY TO COMMISSIONER OF
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AND REFER TO FILE NUMBER

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February 13, 1940

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

My dear Congressman Kirwan:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 9th, with which was transmitted the attached communication from Mr. Isadore Bernstein of Youngstown, Ohio, regarding his desire to have his aunt, Zysla Goldszak and son, Azriel, remain permanently in the United States.

It is noted that these aliens were admitted as temporary visitors and have been granted extensions of stay until May 27, 1940. There is no manner whereby they can secure legal permanent residence except by departing to some foreign country, obtaining immigration visas from an American Consul and again applying at a port of entry at which time they will be subject to examination under the general requirements of the immigration laws to determine their admissibility. It is not necessary that they return to their native country for the purpose of applying for visas.

As of possible interest, there is also attached a copy of "General Requirements for Immigration Visas".

Cordially yours,

Edw. J. Shaughnessy

EDW. J. SHAUGHNESSY
Deputy Commissioner

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EDW. J. SHAUGHNESSY,
Deputy Commissioner.

Incl.

February Seventeenth
1940

Mr. Isadore Bernstein
18 N. Walnut Street
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Sir:-

Supplementing my letter to you of February 9th, would advise that I have received the following information from the Immigration and Naturalization Service:

"It is noted that Mrs. Zysla Goldszak and son, aliens, were admitted as temporary visitors and have been granted extensions of stay until May 27, 1940. There is no manner whereby they can secure legal permanent residence except by departing to some foreign country, obtaining immigration visas from an American Consul and again applying at a port of entry at which time they will be subject to examination under the general requirements of the immigration laws to determine their admissibility. It is not necessary that they return to their native country for the purpose of applying for visas."

For the convenience of Mrs. Goldszak I am enclosing a copy of "General Requirements for Immigration Visas". If I can be of further assistance at any time, please do not hesitate to advise.

With kindest regards and heartiest best wishes, believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress

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March 19th.1940

Dear Mike:

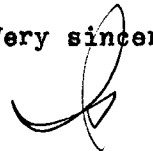
Until now, I did not want to bother you with my letters as I know you are quite busy, but I certainly would like to hear from you further regarding the conversation we had together about my Aunt.

I believe it will be of interest to you to know that the boy's father who is a citizen is making arrangements to take the boy to him in New York. So, the only one that has to be taken care of is the mother which will be much easier.

Please let me hear from you Mike, as soon as possible as the time limit on her stay is getting very short.

With kindest personal regards to you and to Miss Messerly, I am,

Very sincerely yours,



*Must leave Country
& enter via steamship. -
and Poland - -
Mr. Bours - P.O. Bldg. -
on one of the banks.*

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April 2nd, 1940

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

Dear Mr. Kirwan:

In regards to a further extension of Zyzla Goldszak and son Azriel Goldszak, I will appreciate it very much if you will kindly make arrangements as soon as possible to extend their stay if possible for another 12 months or longer due to existing conditions abroad.

Thanking you in advance for your kind and prompt attention to the above,

I am,

Very sincerely yours

Isadore Bernstein.

By 

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April Seventeenth
1940

Mr. Isadore Bernstein
Standard Dry Goods Company
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear friend Is:-

Enclosed you will find form which it will be necessary for Mrs. Goldszak to fill out in order to make application for temporary stay.

You may return this form to my office, advising the port at which she entered and I shall be pleased to forward it to the proper officials for her.

With kindest regards and heartiest best wishes, believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress

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April 20th, 1940

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

Dear Mike:

No doubt you have received the letter I have written you as per your request under date of April second.

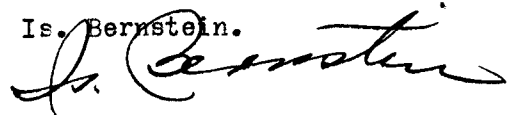
Inasmuch as I have not heard from you regarding this extension which I requested in this letter, I am anxious to know if there is anything definite as yet in this case.

Please Mike, Let me hear from you by return mail if possible.

Thanking you in advance for your prompt attention to this, and with kindest personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Is. Bernstein.



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April 30th, 1940

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

Dear friend Mike:

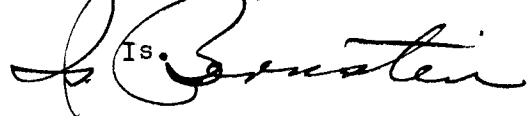
I am enclosing the forms properly filled in for your kind attention, and will highly appreciate your giving this immediate care, as May 27th her extension expires.

I would have sent this in sooner but she was out of the city and I was unable to give the proper information without her being here.

With kindest and best wishes to you and to Miss Messerly, ~~XXX~~

I am,

Your friend,

Is. 

May Fourth
1940

Byron H. Uhl
District Director
Immigration and Naturalization Service
Ellis Island, New York Harbor, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Uhl:-

Enclosed you will find application to extend time of Temporary Stay for Zyzla Goldszak of Skviluo, Poland.

Mrs. Goldszak is a relative of Mr. Isadore Bernstein of Youngstown Ohio, a merchant of my my home city of Youngstown Ohio. Because of the unsettled conditions abroad, Mrs. Goldszak is remaining in the United States a while longer.

I will be deeply grateful for your earnest consideration of her application.

With kindest regards, believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress

U.S. Department of Labor

Immigration and Naturalization Service

Ellis Island, New York Harbor, N.Y.

May 7, 1940

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

My dear Congressman:-

This will acknowledge receipt of
Application to Extend Time of Temporary Stay signed
by Mrs. Zyzla Goldszak.

The application is being forwarded this
date to the Washington Office of this Service for a
decision.

Very truly yours,

Byron H. Uhl
District Director
New York District

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May 18th, 1940


My dear friend Mike:

I don't like to keep on bothering you Mike, but there is only a very short time until the 27th of May when the expiration of the stay of my Aunt and her boy will elapse, and inasmuch as I have not heard from you since the papers were filled in properly and sent in, I would appreciate it very much if you will see to it that she gets her extension papers within the next few days or anytime before the 27th.

Please let me hear from you by return mail so I will know just what the situation is as I am kind of worried we may be a little too late if this is not taken care of immediately.

Trusting this finds you in the best of health and that you are not working too hard,

I am,

Sincerely,


P. S. Please let me hear from you by return mail.

May Twentieth
1940

Mr. Isadore Bernstein
Standard Dry Goods Company
18 North Walnut Street
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear friend Is:-

In answer to your recent letter would advise that I have received the enclosed letter from the District Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, mailed under date of May 7th. I have been awaiting further information from him.

Just as soon as further advice is received, will advise you promptly.

With kindest regards and heartiest best wishes, believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress

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HON MICHAEL J KIRWIN=

HOUSE OF REP=

NOT HAVING RECEIVED EXTENSION FROM THE PROPER AUTHORITIES
I AM VERY MUCH WORRIED AS IT MUST BE HERE BY SATURDAY
LATEST AS YOU KNOW IT EXPIRES ON 27TH PLEASE ARRANGE
IMMEDIATELY WITH PROPER OFFICIALS TO RUSH THIS THROUGH
WILL APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU BY RETURN MAIL PLEASE
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May 22nd, 1940

Mr. Isadore Bernstein
 c/o Standard Dry Goods Co.
 18 North Walnut Street
 Youngstown Ohio

IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS HAVE APPROVED APPLICATION FOR SIXTY DAY
 STAY

CONGRESSMAN MICHAEL J. KILGAM

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