

February Third
1939

Hon. Cordell Hall
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:-

The enclosed letter, from Mr. Bernard M. Altman, Youngstown, Ohio, relative to his brother-in-law Mr. Paul Gandl, is self-explanatory.

I will be deeply grateful for any help or cooperation you can give in this matter.

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

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress

February Fourteenth
1939

Mr. Bernard Altman
725 Dollar Bank Building
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Mr. Altman:-

Immediately upon receipt of your recent letter, relative to your brother-in-law, Mr. Paul Gandl of Czechoslovakia, I referred same to the Honorable Cordell Hull, asking his earnest and very best consideration of your request.

The enclosed letter, which is self explanatory, has been received this morning. I have today written to the Consul General at Praha asking that he do whatever he possibly can to be of assistance to Mr. Landl.

With kindest regards and assuring you that it is a pleasure to serve you, believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress

In reply refer to
VD 811.111 Gandl, Paul

My dear Mrs. Altman:

I have your letter of January 25, 1939 concerning the case of your brother Paul Gandl who is desirous of coming to the United States from Czechoslovakia.

Although I appreciate your anxiety for your brother I am sure you will appreciate in the light of the following discussion that there is nothing the Department may properly do to expedite action on his visa application. American consular officers abroad are charged under the law with the responsibility for issuing immigration visas and in this connection must be guided entirely by the pertinent provisions of the immigration laws and regulations. Applicants for quota immigration visas are registered as of the date the consular officer receives an appropriate notification from them of their desire to immigrate into the United States. Consequently your brother's priority status on
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Mrs. Zelma G. Altman,
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the quota waiting list must be determined according to the date he submitted to the Consul General at Praha his request for registration as an intending immigrant.

The records of the Department indicate that for months past there has been an extremely heavy demand for visas against the Czechoslovak quota and that the present registered demand is sufficient to exhaust the quota for several years.

Although the Department may not properly make any recommendations in your brother's case, it has been glad to send a copy of your letter to the Consul General at Praha with the request that he submit a report to the Department of what the records of his office indicate in the matter. Upon the receipt of a reply I shall communicate further with you.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

A. M. Warren
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1/27, 1938.

Hon. M. J. Kirwan,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

On May 28th, 1938, we mailed registered, to the U. S. Consul in Prag, Cecho-Slovakia, an affidavit and other necessary papers, for Paul Gandl, brother of Mrs. Altman, address Uhorska #50/2, Bratislava C. S. R. We advised him not to annoy the consul as he would be called in due time. However, several months passed and as he was not called he finally went to the consulate and was advised that there were no papers there for him. He was not told whether they were lost, mislaid or never received. As soon as we found out about it we immediately sent in a new set of documents, but the point is that thru this delay which was no fault of ours, his turn for eligibility for the visa and quota will be put off for 2 1/2 years instead of getting him into the 1939 quota. Conditions in Europe being what they are and with the Jewish tragedy likely to swing this country at any time, we beg of you to use your good offices with the Consul at Prag to give Mr. Paul Gandl his place in the quota and visa as per May 28, 1938.

We may be presuming to request this favor, but we feel it may be a matter of life or death.

I refer you to Mr. Gribbon, City Trust and Savings bank, Dr. Edw. Roth, Dentist, Attorneys, Lipshur and Jos. Friedman of this city.

Very respectfully yours,

Bernard M. Altman

February 10 1939

In reply refer to
VD 811.111 Gandl, Paul

My dear Mr. Kirwan:

I have your letter of February 3, 1939 with which you transmitted the enclosed communication from Mr. Bernard M. Altman of Youngstown, Ohio, concerning the case of his wife's brother, Mr. Paul Gandl who is desirous of coming to the United States from Czechoslovakia.

A communication was recently received from Mrs. Altman with reference to her brother's case and for your information there is enclosed a copy of the reply which has been sent to her. It may be noted that a report has been requested from the Consul General at Praha in connection with this matter and you are assured that upon the receipt thereof you as well as Mrs. Altman will be further advised.

The Honorable

Mike Kirwan,

House of Representatives.

advised.

With best wishes

Sincerely yours,

Cordell Hull

Enclosures:

1. From Mrs. Altman,
January 27, 1939.
2. To Mrs. Altman.