

Department of State
Visa Division
Form B - July 1941
7/16/41 - PAC - 5000

SAMPLE

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA CONCERNING

ALIEN VISA APPLICANT

The information requested on this form should be inserted, in the spaces provided below, by the person most familiar with the history and background of the alien desiring admission.

Separate forms should be used for each alien, except children under 18 years of age. Separate statements concerning such children are not required if their names are included in the form submitted on behalf of an accompanying parent or guardian.

Failure to fill in all of the spaces as clearly and fully as possible will cause needless correspondence and will delay the consideration of the case.

When all of the required information has been filled in by typewriter, the form must be subscribed and sworn to before a Notary Public or other person authorized to administer oaths.

Two letters of reference, preferably from reputable and responsible American citizens who know the person giving this data, must be attached herewith.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
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STATE OF) SS.
)
COUNTY OF)

I, _____, residing at _____,
being duly sworn, depose and say:

1. That I am a United States Citizen.
2. That I have reason to believe that _____, residing at _____, a former citizen, is in imminent danger.
3. That I do not believe that the activities of _____, if admitted to this country, will be inimical to the United States.
4. That I undertake to keep myself informed concerning the activities of _____ after admission to the United States and to inform the Immigration and Naturalization Service concerning any such activity not a matter of public knowledge which may appear to be inimical to the United States.
5. That I have reason to believe in the good faith of _____ in attempting to fulfill any obligation _____ may assume with respect to leaving the United States at the expiration of any temporary period for which _____ may be admitted and that I shall assist _____ in any way possible within my power to fulfill such obligation.
6. That this affidavit is made by me for the purpose of inducing the American Consul to issue the proper visa to the above mentioned _____ and the Immigration Authorities to admit such person to the United States.

Subscribed and sworn to
before me
this..... day of 1940

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Dear Friend,

We realize that we have many times in the past come to you for funds for the rescue of anti-fascist victims. Our last appeal was an indirect one made through the Joint Campaign in which we and the Emergency Rescue Committee were engaged. With that campaign suspended for the time being we again find it necessary to come to you directly. Not only are conditions abroad making it increasingly difficult for Hitler victims to escape, but new regulations by our own government are leading to the same result.

These regulations which bar refugees with relatives in occupied countries are intended to guard against spies and fifth columnists. The weight of these regulations fall upon innocent anti-Nazis who in the face of great suffering have proved their integrity, while those against whom the new rules are aimed would not hesitate to evade them by lies and misrepresentation. Those on our lists are people who have been known to us for many years as antagonists of all forms of totalitarianism.

However, there are still victims who can be saved. Time is short and we must have your help. The costs of transportation for each refugee amount to at least \$300 and we now have many waiting in Marseille - fortunate enough not to have relatives in occupied territories but unable to leave until their passages are paid. We plead for these and for the less fortunate ones still in the concentration camps who if they do not receive continuous help from us will surely die.

Please help!

Sincerely yours,

Freda Kirchwey
Freda Kirchwey
Treasurer

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The following letter is a direct appeal to you from anti-Fascists still rotting in French concentration camps:

"There isn't much time left for us unless you help. There are a lot of us here - Czechs, Austrians, Germans, Spaniards - who have to get out. We've been fighting against Fascism, against Hitler, against Totalitarianism, since 1933. That's when the war started for us. We've had to retreat. Now our backs are to the wall. But we can fight again if you help us. We have only one claim on you - you are our kind. We are your kind - we think the same thoughts, we believe in the same things. We fought and worked for them as you would. Now help us get out where we can continue to fight. Otherwise we die - all of us - men, women and children...."

The International Relief Association has evacuated over three hundred of these brave fighters and hundreds more can be saved. Time is short and we must have your help. The costs of transportation for each refugee amount to at least \$300 and we now have many waiting in Marseille, with American visas, unable to leave until their passages are paid. We plead for these and for the less fortunate ones still in the concentration camps who, if they do not receive continuous help from us, will surely die.

Very sincerely yours,

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION, 2 West 43 St., New York City
Telephone: Longacre 5-4229

DIRECTIONS FOR FILLING OUT AFFIDAVITS OF SUPPORT

1. All three copies of the affidavits must be signed and notarized.
2. The affidavit must be put in the plural if signed by more than one person.
3. Proof of all assets listed must be supplied. Income: 1) Income Tax returns (State or Federal) for 1940 are the best documentary proof. We will have the returns photostated and return the originals to you. The income tax return must be signed and notarized. (If you cannot furnish a copy of your income tax return the evidence of employment, salary and assets will be sufficient.) 2) Letter from your employer certifying to your salary. Insurance: letter from insurance company stating size of policy and cash surrender value, or your last receipt of payment (the first is preferable). Bank savings: photostat of balance in your savings book or bank statement. Real estate: real estate tax receipts. Other assets: letter from your bank certifying to the contents of your safe deposit box (stocks and bonds), letter from your bank giving your average balance for the last three months. It is preferable not to list assets that will take a long time to substantiate, particularly when your income is a substantial one.
4. The minimum requirement of income for an affidavit donor is \$25 per week per person. Thus for a man and his wife to give an affidavit for one refugee, the joint income of the man and his wife must be \$75.
5. Dependents: If your wife is self-supporting and/or has an independent income, they are not called dependents. This is in a case where man or wife alone signs the affidavit. Self-supporting children are also not dependents.
6. Remember that a refugee's life may depend on your prompt return of these affidavits.

PLEASE CALL US IF THERE IS SOMETHING YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND

AMERICAN CONSULATE

Marseille, France

When persons in the United States sponsor the immigration of aliens to whom they are not closely related, or not related at all, this Consulate finds it necessary that such sponsors submit the answers and explanations indicated in the numbered paragraphs below.

THE ANSWERS AND EXPLANATIONS JUST REFERRED TO SHOULD BE IN THE FORM OF AN AFFIDAVIT.

- 1)-Have you executed other "affidavits of support" or otherwise sponsored the proposed immigration of anyone? If so, in favor of whom?
- 2)-If your sponsorship in the present case was solicited, who solicited it?
- 3)-Explain the circumstances which led you to extend your present sponsorship.
- 4)-Please explain accurately your relationship, if any, to the alien or aliens whose immigration is sought. If not related, explain the extent, nature and past duration of your friendship.
- 5)-Have you ever seen the alien or aliens you are sponsoring?
- 6)-What, if any, communication have you had with such alien or aliens in the past?
- 7)-Please state whether or not it is your unqualified intention - without mental reservation - to provide the alien or aliens sponsored with food, shelter, clothing and medical services, whenever the need may arise?
- 8)-If your answer to the next preceding question is in the affirmative, does your intention so expressed extend to the giving of such necessary aid directly, without recourse to any other individual or organization?
- 9)-Should the necessity for your aid cease for a time but recur later, do you unconditionally agree to resume such aid and continue it to the extent and for the period of time necessary?
- 10)-Approximately how much money a week or a month are you prepared to expend for the purposes in question?
- 11)-Is it, or is it not, your intention to take such alien or aliens into your home for maintenance there until a self supporting status is obtained, regardless of the length of time it may take to attain such status?
- 12)-Please explain briefly, but in reasonable detail, what, if any, concrete plans you have toward establishing the alien or aliens concerned in a self supporting status?
- 13)-Do you consider that the affidavit you have already filed and the one submitted in response to the questions and explanations now asked, legally pledge your resources to support the alien or aliens for as long a time as may be necessary?

This office will be glad to weigh carefully all the sworn statements submitted in reply to the foregoing numbered paragraphs.

Passages payés

par Unitariens

télégr. du 27 Décembre

- ~~Rigen ALBRECHT~~ ✓
- ~~Erna BIENCKE~~ X
- ~~Hans KAKES~~ X
- ~~Erna MAYER~~ ✓

(nom spécifié Piper Kurt) Gisela PEIPER

- X Wilhelm RIELOFF
- X Frieda TIMMERMAN

télégr. du 30 Décembre: ~~Brigitte SPRENGER~~

- X Valeriu MARCU & femme Eva
- ~~Heinz FANCHER~~ & femme Edwige X
- ~~Hans SAHLE~~ X
- X Klaus DOHRN
- X Eugen SPIRO
- X Hans SIEMSEN
- ~~Erich LEWISSEY~~ & femme Herta X
- X Herz Wolf KATZ, femme Frida enfant Eva
- X Ernst AUFRICHT, femme Margot fils 16 ans
- X George ASCHER

Télégr. 4 Janvier

Lotte LEONHARD femme de Heinrich LEWY

- X Valeriu MARCU, femme Eva
- André MASSON, femme Rose enfant Diego enfant Luise
- Max ERNST et femme
- Jacques LIPSCHITZ, femme Berthe
- Franz BLEI
- Charlotte YECKEL
- Channa LERNER

Franz SCHOENBERNER
 Eleonore KADECH
 Theodor ALLESCH

Pour ces noms, leurs femmes ou enfants n'ont pas été
 spécifiés dans le télégramme.
 Faire confirmer ces passages.

passages payés par N.Y. et non confirmés par Unitarian

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" " 3 Janv.	Gerda FRIEDMAN	
	Karl Otto PÄTEL	
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2 West 43rd Street
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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

A prize of \$150 is offered by the Committee for Cultural Freedom, in conjunction with the North American Review, for the best essay on the subject, "The Challenge to Cultural Freedom," submitted by an undergraduate of 25 years of age or under, in any American college or university. Manuscripts must not exceed 3,000 words and must be in the office of the Committee on or before April 15, 1940. The winning essay will be published in the North American Review. The prize, to be offered annually, will be known as the Ernest Cook Memorial Award, in memory of an American who throughout his life was devoted to the principles of cultural freedom. Rules of the contest may be obtained from Isabel Lundberg, Executive Secretary, The Committee for Cultural Freedom, 2 West 43rd Street, New York City.

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The I.R.A. and a number of the refugees you have helped rescue invite you to attend our New Year's Eve Ball at Palm Garden, 306 W. 52nd Street. We promise you a most enjoyable time plus the added pleasure of knowing that your money is helping a refugee to escape to safety.

The enclosed ticket represents a box for ten and each box contains a private table. We suggest that you make up a party of your friends and join us on New Year's Eve.

There will be no collection or speeches -- just an evening of unrestricted fun. We trust that you and your friends will join us on this festive occasion.

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Thank you very much for your contribution
of \$. We would highly appreciate it
if you could send us the names and ad-
dresses of friends who you think would be
interested in helping in this great emer-
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Very sincerely yours,

for Sheba Strunsky
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About six weeks ago, we sent you a collection list and to date have heard nothing from you. Monies received from these lists are used for direct relief for refugees in camps and for those living in Portugal and in unoccupied France without any means of subsistence.

Food packages are sent where possible, and in some cases cash is sent. Surely you must know how dire is the plight of these people. Until such time as we can secure visas for them and help them emigrate from the chaotic Old World where the wrath of Hitler seeks to exterminate them, we must do everything in our power to help them sustain themselves.

Many refugees on our lists have already arrived here, hundreds are awaiting passage in Marseille and Lisbon, and countless numbers wait for news of their visas, on which we are working indefatigably. You can surely appreciate what our needs must be for these people. Therefore, we allocate all the monies received from the collection lists to sustain the lives of these people until such time as all arrangements are completed for their exodus from Europe.

Please send in your collection list with a check for the money gathered as soon as possible and help preserve the lives of the heroic fighters against Fascism, who must be saved from annihilation.

Very sincerely yours

Sheba Strunsky,
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Our last appeal to you was an indirect one made through the Joint Campaign in which we and the New World Resettlement fund were engaged. With that campaign suspended for the time being we find it necessary to come to you directly. Conditions abroad make it increasingly difficult for Hitler victims to escape.

Those on our lists are people who have been known to us for many years and who have sacrificed family, jobs and have often risked their very lives in their dauntless struggle against Fascist barbarism.

We have evacuated over 300 of these brave fighters. Hundreds more can be saved. Time is short and we must have your help. The costs of transportation for each refugee amount to at least \$300 and we now have many waiting in Marseille unable to leave until their passages are paid.

We plead for these and for the less fortunate ones still in the concentration camps who, if they do not receive continuous help from us will surely die.

Please help!

Very sincerely yours

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The International Relief Association was formed in May, 1933, as a non-partisan, non-sectarian organization to aid the families of political prisoners in Germany and political refugees from Nazi terror who are not cared for by other relief organizations.

The wives and children of men in concentration camps and prisons cannot be aided by the large agencies that have legal offices in "Greater Germany". Those agencies are under the supervision of the Nazis and dare not aid the families of so-called political prisoners. The only way, therefore, of helping these unfortunate victims of oppression is through underground channels unsupervised by the Nazis.

The political refugees in France which include Spaniards, Germans and Austrians, are in equally desperate need. They are in a strange country, the men have all been interned in concentration camps where conditions are indescribably miserable and the women are not permitted to work. Besides helping these people, the I.R.A. is caring for large groups of refugees in England, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland and Norway.

May I appeal to you on behalf of these unfortunate people who have sacrificed their very lives for freedom.

Very sincerely yours

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Some time ago you received a telegram from Freda Kirchwey appealing for aid to International Relief Association cases who have obtained United States emergency visas.

You have been reading between the screaming war and political headlines stories of the plight of these refugees. You know that some have been rescued. But the majority are still caught in the coils of oppressive fascist terror in France.

The final step in the long process of rescuing these trapped anti-fascists is the payment of their steamship tickets. Passages will cost \$250 per person.

These brave men and women who have been driven from country to country because of their incessant, dogged fight against fascism, are our true allies against reaction. You can enlist their aid in America's struggle for democratic freedom by making possible their escape.

We have now obtained emergency visas for more than 100 of the many cases we have cared for over the years. Close to 200 others are pending. Transportation money now will carry them to safety. If you can supply it their lives will be saved -- if not, starvation, pneumonia and typhoid raging in French concentration camps will, during the winter, decimate them by the hundreds.

Each day brings its quota of cables sent in desperation by these dauntless refugees who have put their trust in us. We in turn put our trust in you.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles A. Beard

State of _____
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I, Dr. Egon Stern, being duly sworn, according to law, depose and say that I am a citizen or subject of U.S.A. (Country), that my address is 981 57th St., Brooklyn, N.Y., that I have resided in U.S.A. (Name of Country) since _____ (Date),

and that I am interested in the alien whose name is given below who desires to come to the United States; and that I am able to give the following information regarding such alien in view of my familiarity with his (her) personal history:

1. Name of Alien: Rudolf Silbermann
2. Place and Date of Birth: Berlin on March 30, 1910
3. Nationality: German
4. Exact Present Address: 313 Gr.T.E. St.Sauveur, Com.Bellac (Hts.Vienne) Unoccupied France
5. Previous places of residence, giving approximate length of each:

Until 1933 in Berlin
1933 - 1939 Paris

When war broke out he offered his services to France and was attached to a labor bataillon until the fall of France. Since that time he lives in unoccupied France.