

NAME KELLER Robert
BORN Place

Referred by Paul Herz
Other org. int.

ACCOMPANIED by

ADDRESS

PROFESSION Organizing
Secretary of Soc.Dem.Party in
Halle

POLITICAL AFFILIATION Soc.Dem.

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GUARANTEE OF SUPPORT

SPONSORS

Transportation

Arrived

(Other References & Biography - over)

Organizing secretary of Soc. Dem. Party in Halle, Germany. After 1933 worked with
Underground Movement ~~xxxxx~~ in Germany from his exile in Czechoslóvakia
His name has been mentioned at several high treason trials in Germany.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

The Gestapo would surely ask the French authorities to deliver him up.
Paul Herz is trying to find ~~him~~ out where he is.

9/23 Paul Herz will work on this. *Herz now in unrecaptured
unrested - Present address: front restaurant, Ballac
(Haute-Vienne) France.*

KELLER Robert

Born: June 12. 1901, Trebbin, Germany

Family Members: Wife and two children

Present address: 39 Place Carnot
Bellac, Haute Vienne
France.

Arrived in U.S. February 20, 1942

Living at Congress House
46 West 68 Street
New York, New York

NAME KELLER, Robert Referred by Paul Hertz
BORN 6/12/1901 Place Trebbin Other org. int.

ACCOMPANIED by wife Annemarie b. 1/23/1905 Dresden
Frank Keller b 1/8/1930 Eisleben infatn born april 1940 Paris

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le 28 avril 1941.

Le Centre Américain de Secours certifie avoir reçu
de Monsieur Sely Keller la somme de Fr 4.300.- à titre
de don et le remercie chaleureusement de sa générosité.

p. Le Centre Américain de Secours.

p. Bénédite

December 10, 1940

Mr. George Warren
122 East 22nd St.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Warren:

RE: ROBERT KELLER, wife and
2 children

I hand you herewith affidavits of support and sponsorship in the case of:

ROBERT KELLER
born - June 12, 1901
Trebbin, Germany

The present address of Mr. Keller is:

50 Place Carnot
Bellac (Haute Vienne)
France

Mr. Robert Keller and his wife have been active since their early youth, and have always fought with their entire strength against the Nazis. When Hitler came to power Mr. Keller founded and led an illegal group for the express purpose of fighting against the Nazi government.

Mr. Keller who is well known to the Gestapo has been deprived of his German citizenship. Mr. and Mrs. Keller are Aryans which intensifies the hate of the Nazis against them. That their lives would be in jeopardy if the Gestapo lays their hands on them is unquestionable, and I hope that a VISEFOR'S VISA may be granted to Mr. and Mrs. Keller and their two children as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

EMERGENCY RESCUE COMMITTEE

Ingrid Warburg
Executive Assistant

/b
Biographical Sketch
Paul Hertz
Affidavit of Sponsorship
Thelma Levinsky
Affidavit of Support
Lois Mary McBride

Biography

Robert Keller - Born June 12, 1901, at Trebbin, Germany

Annemarie Keller - Born Schulze, January 23, 1905 in Dresden, Germany

Two children, one 9 years, the other 6 months old.

I have known Robert Keller and his wife since 1924, and have been their personal friend since then. Both Mr. and Mrs. Keller are persons of the finest character. They have been politically active since their youth, and have always fought with all their strength for a democratic and republican Germany. They were always highly thought of because of their unselfish character, and their sense of duty. Through their fearless and ceaseless work against German National Socialism before and after 1933 they belong, undoubtedly, to the group of people whose liberty and life is in danger.

From my own knowledge and with full conviction I am able to say the following about Robert Keller's development:

From 1919 on, K. was active in the "Jungsozialistische Vereinigung" which formed a part of the German Social Democratic Party. The task of this organization was to win the German youth for Democracy and the Weimar Republic, and it included the members of the Social Democratic Party between 20 and 25 years. K. was a member of the National Committee; he was a public speaker and propagandist, and collaborator of the monthly periodical "Jungsozialistische Blätter."

Through this activity he came to the attention of the Executive Committee of the Social Democratic Party. At that time we were looking for young people who possessed the personal and intellectual qualifications for a further training as functionaries in the labor movement. On my suggestion K. got a job in the bureau of the Social Democratic Reichstag group which was under my supervision. He worked with us for about a year. My opinion of Keller's character and abilities which I mentioned above was justified during this collaboration.

After Keller had finished this training he got a job in the bureau of the Social Democratic Party in Kiel. When, in 1928, I became a SPD candidate for the Reichstag elections in the district of Halle I asked Keller to help me. He complied with my wish and took over the organizational conduct, at first only for a part of this district, the industrial region of Eisleben, and later on for the whole district of Halle. This was a very difficult job which required not only a good deal of knowledge but also personal courage. Halle is a part of the large middle German industrial area where the "Leuna-Werk" of the IG Farben A.G. and numerous other important defense industries are located. The Social Democratic Party was comparatively weak in this electoral district, the Communists and National Socialists on the other hand were very strong. It was mainly due to Keller's efforts that the Social Democratic Party gained some ground in this and the following years.

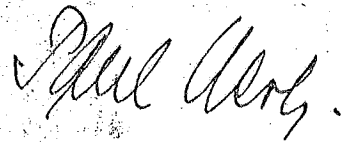
In 1932 and 1933 political activity for the Social Democratic Party meant immediate personal danger. In almost every meeting there were serious fights in which very often some people were so badly wounded that they died. In February 1933, when he came home from a meeting, Keller was attacked by National Socialists; his

friend was hurt so badly that he lost his seeing power in one eye. On March 10, 1933 the Nazis attacked the "Volkshaus" in Eisleben. Everyone was shocked by the event; there were several -- I think six -- dead and many wounded. Keller was active in the defense from this assault. He had, therefore, to give up his home, and to escape because the police did not protect him any more.

During the last months of his stay in Germany, in the spring and summer of 1933, Keller founded and led an illegal (underground) Social Democratic group with the name "Roter Stosstrupp". Its members were young and active Social Democrats who in spite of the breakdown of the old Social Democratic Party were anxious to contribute to the defeat of the National Socialist dictatorship, and to the restoration of democracy in Germany. Upon request of his friends Keller left Germany and went abroad in order to organize help for this work. In September 1933, or about that time, he went to Czechoslovakia. There he took residence only a few miles away from the German border so that the communication with his friends and the district of Halle was facilitated. Keller financed his project from his own means; he had made an inheritance of about 10,000 Reichsmark. He gave most of this money for the underground work. He never got any remuneration for his work. The many trials against the members of the "Roter Stosstrupp", and the heavy sentences tell the story of the effectiveness of their work. In every trial the Gestapo mentioned that Keller was really the person most guilty. As a result, he was deprived of his German citizenship. (See "Deutscher Reichsanzeiger" #22 of January 27, 1938).

Friends of mine from the district of Halle let me know that Keller and his activities are still in high esteem among the anti-Nazis there.

Keller and his wife are Aryan, and come from a middle-class family. This makes the Nazis hate them the more. There is no doubt that they are in grave danger because their activities in and outside of Germany are considered as "Landesverrat" (high treason) on which the death penalty stands.



Paul Hertz
Member of the German Reichstag from
1920 to 1933; Secretary of the Social
Democratic group of the Reichstag.

Thelma Levinsky
535 Greene Avenue
Brooklyn, N. Y.

United States of America)
State of New York : ss
County of New York)

I, Thelma Levinsky, residing at 535 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, being duly sworn, depose and say:

1. That I am a United States citizen.
2. That I have reason to believe the Robert Keller and his family, residing in unoccupied France, German citizens (expatriated), are in imminent danger.
3. That I do not believe that the activities of Robert Keller and his family, if admitted to this country will be inimical to the United States.
4. That I undertake to keep myself informed, concerning the activities of Robert Keller and his family after admission to the United States and to inform the Immigration and Naturalization Service concerning any such activities, 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 Robert Keller and his family in attempting to fulfill any obligation they may assume with respect to leaving the United States at the expiration of any temporary period for which they may be admitted, and that I shall assist them 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 Robert Keller and family, and the Immigration Authorities to admit such persons to the United States.

Subscribed and sworn before me)

this day of December 6th, 1940)

Notary Public

Thelma Levinsky

Paul Hertz
80-28 Lefferts Blvd.
Kew Gardens, L. I., N. Y.

Corrected Information Concerning Robert Keller

Robert Keller - Born June 12, 1901 in Trebbin, Germany

Present Address: 30 Place Carnot
Bellac (Haute Vienne)
France

Annemarie Keller - Born January 23, 1905 in Dresden, Germany
nee Schulze

First child - Frank Keller - Born January 8, 1930, Eisleben

Second child - infant born about April 1940, Paris

Robert Keller was expatriated by the Nazis in January 26, 1938

N.B. These facts were not available at the time that the affidavit
was made out due to poor communications with Southern France and
of
therefore could not be included in the form/the affidavit of support.



Paul Hertz

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION : X
- of - : To the American Consul
FOR IMMIGRATION VISA TO THE UNITED STATES : in
X

STATE OF)
CITY OF) SS
COUNTY OF)

Lois Mary McBride, being duly sworn,
deposes and says:

That I am a resident of the State of Pennsylvania, City of Pittsburgh, residing at 5544 Hobart Street, in the County of Allegheny.

That I was born in Mercer Pennsylvania in 1894.

That I am a citizen of the United States by birth yes, or by naturalization _____, certificate # _____, issued by _____ Court, on _____.

Keller and their two minor children
R.K. born
A.K. born
That I am concerned about the welfare of my friends Robert and Annomarie Keller, who was born in A.K. - born in Dresden Germany on June 13, 1901 and is residing at Poste Restante, Bellac, Haute Vienne France and who is anxious to immigrate to the United States to join me.

Although I am not related to Robert and Annomarie Keller and their children, I am very much concerned about their welfare and have a strong sense of moral responsibility towards him (explain interest) because, Robert Keller as an active anti-Nazi is in grave danger of being handed over to the Nazis and persecuted for his activities

That I hereby assure the Honorable American Consul that I will properly receive and care for the said Robert Keller and family upon his arrival in this country and I will not permit him to become a public charge upon any community or municipality.

That as proof of my financial ability to assume the above responsibility, I allege as follows: (documentary proof is hereto attached)

1. That I am (give occupation) Judge of County Court of Allegheny County, State of Pennsylvania
2. That I have an annual income of \$ \$10,000.00
3. That in addition I have assets valued at \$ _____ as follows:
Insurance \$ _____ Cash surrender value \$ _____
Bank Savings _____

Real Estate worth \$ _____ Assessed at \$ _____
which is free of encumbrances except for _____

Other Assests _____

4. That I have dependent upon me for support:
no one

That this petition is made by me in order that the Honorable American
Consul abroad will visa the passport of my friend, Robert Keller, Annemarie
Keller and their two minor children

Sworn and subscribed to before me

this 15 day of February 1941.

Louis Mary M. Brade

NRS-459-1/41

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
JANUARY 3, 1943

[Signature]
Justice of the Peace

Keller, Robert mit Frau und 2 Kindern.

Keller war Sekretär der sozialdemokratischen Partei in Halle. Nach 1933 arbeitete er illegal von der Tschechoslowakei aus. Sein Name wurde in mehreren Hochverratsprozessen in Deutschland erwähnt. Man muss deshalb damit rechnen, dass Kellers Auslieferung von den deutschen Behörden verlangt wird. Keller ist ein sehr charaktvoller Mensch, der seiner Ueberzeugung grosse Opfer gebracht hat. Es wird versucht, seinen jetzigen Aufenthalt festzustellen.

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RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE.

TÉLÉGRAM

POSTES, TÉLÉGRAPHES ET TÉLÉPHONES.

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A DÉCHIRER.

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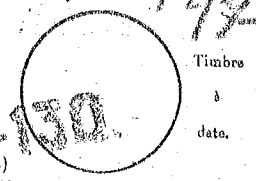
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 ref 19/12/4



Indication de service.

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L'état n'est soumis à aucune responsabilité à raison du service de la correspondance privée par la voie télégraphique. (Loi du 29 nov. 1850, art. 6.)

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February 11th, 1941

RE: ROBERT KELLER

The Biography signed by Anna Kables indicates that he is in less danger now than he was before because two commissioners have passed him up.

The Maiden Name of the woman given in the Biography and in the Affidavit is not the same.

Sponsorship Affidavits needed for the entire family.

The Affidavits of Support does not mention the children, must be corrected.

2/11/41

Sent Affidavit of support to Anna Caples

HB

February 19, 1941

Mr. George Warren
122 East 22nd St.
New York, N.Y.

RE: ROBERT and ANNEMARIE KELLER

Dear Mr. Warren:

I hand you herewith affidavits of support, for Robert and Annemarie Keller and their two minor children which I believe are now properly drawn up.

With reference to the affidavit of sponsorship, the copy which we have in our files shows that it is made in behalf of "Robert Keller and his family", which is the form we have used in drawing up the affidavits heretofore, and which were acceptable to you.

Would you please let us know whether the affidavit of sponsorship is in order and whether the case is complete and ready to be examined further for the issuance of the proper visa for Mr. Robert Keller and his family.

Anything you may be able to do to expedite this case will be very much appreciated by us.

Sincerely yours,

EMERGENCY RESCUE COMMITTEE

Lotta Loeb
Case Department

LL/b
Encl
Affidavit of Support
Lois Mary McBride
Letter - Written by Miss Caples

February 25th, 1941

RE: ROBERT KELLER, WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN

The President's Advisory Committee phoned today stating that inspite of the letter by Miss Cables they consider the biographical sketch incomplete. The Committee wants to know wpecifically how long Mr. Keller was in Czechoslovakia and what he did since then.

March 6, 1941

Mr. George Warren
122 East 22nd St.
New York, N.Y.

RE: ROBERT KELLER, wife
and 2 children

Dear Mr. Warren:

The above named case was submitted to
you on December 10, 1940.

As you requested, I am enclosing some
additional information concerning Mr. Keller furnished
by Miss Caples, together with a letter addressed to
you by her.

With these additional facts, I hope you
will be in a position to forward the case to Washington.

Sincerely yours,

EMERGENCY RESCUE COMMITTEE

Lotta Loeb
Case Department

LL/b

APPENDUM

Robert Keller and his wife and one child were able to leave Czechoslovakia in May or June 1938 following the Austrian Anschluss and before the Munich conference. Through the German Social Democratic Party in exile Mr. Keller and his family received visas to go to France in order to escape the dangers in Czechoslovakia as the German occupation became more imminent.

In Paris Mr. Keller was able to ~~XXXXX~~ live from the balance of his own money (he had inherited a considerable amount and had been able to take it out of Germany before the strict laws were imposed.) Realizing the need to equip himself for a new life Mr. Keller devoted his time to attending courses at the Alliance Francaise where he completed a course of French for teachers and received a certificate that would qualify him to serve as a French teacher in countries other than France. Mr. Keller was interned with most other German men refugees at the start of the war in September 1939. Early in 1940 he was given an opportunity to enlist as a "prest@taire" with the French Army, that is, to serve in one of the foreign corps. Mr. Keller was with the French Army until the collapse after which time he was able to join his family in unoccupied France.

Anna Caples
American Friends of German
Freedom

Dr. Paul Hertz
8817 South Figueroa Street
Los Angeles - Calif.

March 18, 1941

Emergency Rescue Committee
122 East 42 Street
New York, N.Y.

Re: Robert Keller
30, Place Carnot, Bellac (Hte Vienne)

I just learned that an emergency visa has been granted to Robert Keller and his family.

Keller who is now living in France without any means has no relatives in the United States who could be approached with the request to help him with the fare. Therefore, I ask of the Emergency Rescue Committee to give the transportation money for Robert Keller, his wife and his two children, ten and one years old.

Keller is a highly appreciable person who not only suffered for his democratic ideals but supported friends in Germany who carried on the fight against Hitler when he himself was forced to leave Germany and, furthermore, helped other refugees in Czechoslovakia and in France as long as he was able to.

Very sincerely

Mme Gery

*Apr. 17 / Keller
file
cable # 941*

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TR*

April 10, 1941 nlt via eastern

AMSECOUR
MARSEILLES

#90 EXCERPT KELLER 80 PLACE CANNOT HTE VIENNA

BELAC RECEIVED VISA

Ingrid Mccarten

4-10-41

Please add cables today or tomorrow
for Fry (Lyon is the essential thing)
Robert Keller's visa cabled to Lyon 4/17

L.Z.

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le 28 avril 1941.

Le Centre Américain de Secours certifie qu'il fera tout son possible pour réserver 5 places, dont deux femmes et deux enfants et un homme, en faveur de la famille Sely Keller.

p. Le Centre Américain de Secours

P. Schmierer

Winnipeg le 17 mai 1941
Cher.

Comité du Secours Américain

Cher Monsieur,
nous sommes très heureux
de vous avoir vu après un bon voyage en Amérique
et nous espérons que vous en avez profité
pour nous rendre visite et pour
notre aide.

Selon notre ticket le prix du
voyage s'élève à 3.400 frs par personne, tandis
que nous avons payé chez vous 4.300 frs.
Je sais bien que le prix avant s'élevait
à 4.300 frs et que le prix pour le Winnipeg
s'est réduit seulement plus tard à 3.400 frs.
Nous supposons que le Comité a dû payer
aussi seulement 3.400 frs pour nos places
et c'est pour ça que nous vous
prions de bien vouloir verser la

A G. Ustarcu

Notre # Donateur

Sally Keller a famille

~~feux~~ ~~deux~~ ~~enfants~~

une femme & enfants

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13 JUIN 1941

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ALL AMERICAN NEWYORK

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AMSECOURS

6/7/41

C.A.S. ED GARIBALDI MARSEILLE

c'est un trop plus de
de, jeus qui ont fait un
don de 15.000.

Mais d'abord ils sont
devenus de pie et il est
de même du père qui nous
écrit -

P.S.

JALLEY KELLER

Arbas 9. 6. 41

Le respectable Père Fr. Schmitter,

est de Thuan, s'ichonbekannt,
dans une famille au St. Hyonung
in Casablanca liegen blieb.

Wenn schreibt man mir heute, Sie zu
bitte, den Betrag von 4500 Fr., den
mein Bruder bei Thuan reklamiert,
(beim bei der Frau Antoinette)
telegraphisch an:

Jalley Keller St. Hyonung
Transat Casablanca zu senden,
Bitte, Sie hilft, dies doch selbst
zu erledigen. Sie können sich gerne
die schulische Education meines
Bruders vorstellen.

Ich bitte sehr, mich von dem geschätzten
Fr. Schmitter zu Zeichen Hochachtung

Mit Keller

Arbas 9. 6. 41

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SERVICE CASERNE pour les télégrammes en français.
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CENTRE AMÉRICAIN DE SECOURS
RECU 19.6.41

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Timbre
 à
 date

(1941-JE 13)

SALY KELLER
GAMPAYACHI AZEROUR

Maroc

vous occupons votre situation faisons nécessaire avec Lisbonne

AMSECOURS

CENTRE AMERICAIN DE SECOURS 18 ED. GARIBALDI MARSEILLE
13 JUIN 1941

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[1941 - Fe 13]

différence de 5 fois 100 frs divisées des
parts à mon frère

Max Keller Mbas H^e Garonne
Maison du Général.

En vous remerciant
d'avance pour votre prompt
liquidation, veuillez agréer
cher Monsieur, mes meilleures
salutations

Saly Keller.

Paul Hertz
8817 South Figueroa Street
Los Angeles - Calif.

June 16, 1941

Miss Ingrid Warburg
Emergency Rescue Committee
122 East 42 Street
New York, N.Y.

John

Liebe Ingrid:

Ich möchte Ihre Hilfe in den folgenden zwei Fällen erbitten. Sie haben das ERC bereits beschäftigt.

Robert Keller, Bellac (Hte Vienne), 30, Place Carnot, ist das Visa Ende März von Washington bewilligt worden. Mr. Fry hat mehrfach beim Konsulat in Lyon interveniert, trotzdem ist Keller bisher vom Konsulat nicht vorgeladen worden. Mr. Fry hat Keller versprochen, dem ERC von dieser unverständlichen Verzögerung Kenntnis zu geben. Kann man dieserhalb in Washington intervenieren? Können Sie mir auch mitteilen, ob das ERC in der Lage war, das Fahrgeld für Keller anzuweisen? Ein Freund von Keller, Mr. Schweitzer in Laramie-Wyoming, hat mir versprochen, einen Beitrag von \$ 50.- für Keller an das ERC zu senden. Ich bin an dem Schicksal der Familie Keller besonders interessiert. Es sind zwei wertvolle Menschen, mit denen ich seit mehr als 15 Jahren befreundet bin.

Richard Kämpfer, z.Zt. in Marseille. Das IRA hat ihm das Visa besorgt. Mir wird mitgeteilt, dass sich auch das ERC mit seinem Fall beschäftigt, und dass man mich als Referenz angegeben hat. Ich kenne Kämpfer sehr lange, er war Mitglied der USP, Mitarbeiter von Kurt Eisner, und ist ein begabter und zuverlässiger Mensch.

Ich hoffe, es geht Ihnen trotz der vielen Arbeit recht gut.

Mit den besten Grüßen

Ihr

W. H. Hertz

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FRY CABLE EXCERPT REC'D. ON JUNE 21st [1941?]

#276...REQUEST LEO STEINER 1140 BROADWAY HARRY MAYER 417 STOCKTON STREET SANFRISCO SEND
TWO PHOTO COPIES INCOME TAX RETURN THIRTEEN POINTS FORM 575 FOR GEORGES KOPPEL AND MOTHER
STOP UR 117 REQUEST REFERENCES ROBERT KELLER BUY PASSAGES FOR WIFE TWO CHILDREN / STOP
REQUEST GUSTAV WINCKLER 664 WEST 161 BUY PASSAGE BROTHER JOSEPH WINCKLER AND WIFE STOP

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JUNE 27, 1941

COULTER
STATE DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON D C

FOLLOWING OUR CASES ASK OUR INTERVENTION BECAUSE WIGAS ALREADY CABLED REFUSED
FRITZ HEIMANN WOLFFENSTEIN ELIZABETH LAUZ MAX COHENHEISS ROBERT KELLER *****

EMERGENCY RESCU COMMITTEE

[1941 Je 30]

CENTRE AMERICAIN DE SECOURS	
Les TELEGRAMMES DE SECOURS URGENTS bénéficient de la priorité de transmission et de remise.	30.6.41
Tout bureau vous renseignera utilement.	Faites-vous téléphoner chez vous vos télégrammes d'arrivée, vous les recevrez plus rapidement. Service GRATUIT pour les 50 premiers mots des télégrammes rédigés en français.
	Tout bureau vous renseignera utilement.

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PLACES CADIX NEWYORK 10 JUILLET EVENTUEL

PAR UNITARIAMCOMITE LISBONNE STOP HICEM / date.

LISBONNE REPOND PAS A DEPOT 1680 DOLLARS 17 AVRIL =

POUR FAMILLE KELLER QUITTANCE 6173 STOP 374 DOLLARS

JUIN POUR ENGEL QUITTANCE 12491 PAYE PAR WERNER

SCHEESINGER TRENTON SI NECESSAIRE SCHLESINGER PAYERA

SUPPLEMENT GRANDE DETRESSE CABLE REPONSE BESOIN POUR

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KELLER

CAMP SIDIELAYACH AZEMMOUR

Maroc

AVONS TRANSMIS UNITARIAN INFORMATIONS NECESSAIRES ESPERONS PROMPTTE SOLUTIO

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CENTRE DE SECOURS AMERICAIN 18 BD. GARIBALDI MARSEILLE

MN 1er Juillet 1941

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AG. Unitarian

N^o 124

Donateur Keller et
famille Camp Azannou
chez H. ~~chez H. ~~chez H.~~~~
a depot 1680 dollars
depuis 17 avril quittance
6173. supplement de 374
dollars verse 6 juin
quittance 12491 stop
Schlesinger payera surplus
si necessaire ~~stop~~
stop contactez directement
Keller pour Transyas

UNITARIAN LISBONNE

143 AVISEZ NOUS COMBIEN DE PLACES DISPONIBLES OU RETENUES
POUR INTERIES CASABLANCA stop SI POSSIBLE INDIQUEZ MONTANT
MATS VOYAGE ET VISAS CASABLANCA CADIX stop AVEZ-VOUS
POSSIBILITES RESERVER PASSAGE CUBA QUELLE DATE PRIX ROUTES
COMMENT OBTENIR PRESENTPASSAGE stop NIEZ? DONATEUR KELLER
ET FAMILLE CAMP AZANNOU POSSEDENT DEPOT 1680 DOLLARS CHEZ
LISBONNE DESPUIS DIXSEPT AVRIL QUITTANCE 6173 SUPPLEMENT 374
DOLLARS VERSE SIX JUIIN QUITTANCE 12491 stop SCHLESINGER
PAYERA SURPLUS SI NECESSAIRE stop CONTACTEZ DIRECTEMENT
KELLER POUR TRANSYAS stop PASSAGE IDA ADLER PAYE ASEXPORT
SUR EXCHANGE OU EXETER

RIY

1er Juillet 1941

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO
VD 811.111 Refugees/1611

July 3, 1941

Emergency Rescue Committee, Inc.
122 East 42nd Street
New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

With reference to your telegram of June 27, 1941, regarding the visa cases of Fritz Heiman, Wolfenstein, Elizabeth Laux, Max Cohenreuss, Robert Keller, Herman Ahlfeld, Anna Odenheimer, Willi and Margot Kasel, and Leon Kotschanitsky, you are advised that all agencies interested in obtaining forms and instructions for the documentation of visa cases under the new procedure effective July 1, 1941, should address their inquiries to the President's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees, 122 East Twenty-second Street, New York, New York.

This organization is acting in a liaison capacity between the Department of State and interested immigrant agencies, and will be pleased to furnish detailed advice regarding the preparation and presentation of the prescribed forms.

Very truly yours,

A.M. Warren
Chief, Visa Division.

N°
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LISBONNE, 4 JUILLET 1941

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PASSAGES SUPPLEMENTAIRES GARANTIS NOVEMBRE CADIX 10 JUILLET

JEANNETTE ENGEL FAMILLE MAGNUS

FAMILLE KELLER

SZAJKA FRYDMAN HEINZ LORIAN ERNST LORSEY stop

NOTRE REPRESENTANT CABLELHQA HENRI MICHAELIS HOTEL PALAIS VOUS
CABLEZ POUR VOYAGE VISA CASA/CADIX stop

à BESOIN ENVOYEZ LUI SOMMES NECESSAIRES POUR PASSAGES PROTEGES CADIX
XX stop

WEINGARTEN NECESSITE URGENCE FRAIS VOYAGE CASA/LISBONNE PAR AVION
TANGER ESTIONS DEUX PERSONNES 15000 FRANCS stop

EGALLEMENT DUNCKER ACCOMPAGNE PAR LEMHOFF stop

SIEGFRIED STAND RECLAME ARGENT stop
(Oued-Jon)

CUBA VISA VALABLE SIX MOIS PROLONGEABLE 6 MOIS NECESSITE 500 DOLLARS
GARANTIN 400 FRAIS VISA DEPARTS BATAUX: NOVEMBRE/CADIX 10

ENSUITE LISBONNE VERS 20 stop ENSUITE MOTOMAR/CADIX 4 AOUT stop
LISBONNE 14

ENSUITE LISBONNE VERS 30. PRIX LISBONNE/CUBA 532 CADIX 532
NAVEGAR MOTOMAR CLASSE OR DE RESERVATIONS POSSIBLES SI ARGENT
DISPONIBLE ICI.

VI39 ISIDORO SANCHEZ CABLEMES 19JUN REESTAMES 20 JUN

VI41 FRIEDBERGER SONT DEUX NECESSITENT DONG 800 DOLLARS stop

FRIERE PAYER AMERICAN EXPRESS 3600 FRANCS POUR BAGAGES REINE DORIAN
REMBOURSEBLE NEWYORK DEMANDEZ KARL STERNBERG PALIS
EXPEDIEZ URGENCE REINE DORIAN VOTRE ADRESSE.

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UNITARIAN LIGON

THEY PLEASE GIVE IMMEDIATE PERSONAL ATTENTION QUESTIONS CHOICE
PASSENGERS CADIX BOATS STOP BELIEVE REASONABLE SURETY
UNUSUAL MAY HAVE BEEN GIVEN FRIENDS WHOSE AMERICAN VISAS
EXPIRE SOON SUCH AS MURKIN WEINGARTEN AND WIFE ARPAD ADOLF
AND SIDONIE BRICZELLEN STOP YET YOUR REPRESENTATIVE HAS ^{Michael}
GRANTED PLACES TO HIMSELF AND WIFE HIS FRIEND STORSOOTH
AND THE FIVE WELLES NONE OF WHOSE VISAS EXPIRE FOR SEVERAL
MONTHS STOP THIS ARBITRARY AND SELFISH CHOICE CONDEMNED
FIRSTHAND TO INDEFINITE WAIT AS VISAS WILL HAVE EXPIRED BEFORE
NEXT BOAT LEAVES AND WILL HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED TO STRAIGHT
UNDER NEW PROCEDURES STOP IN MY OPINION SUCH FAVORITISM
BORDERS ON SCANDALOUS STOP WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIGOROUS
DECISIVE ACTION SEE IT DOES NOT HAPPEN AGAIN

NY

JULY 7 1941

C.A.S. 16 BL. GAMBALDI MARITIME

NLT EMERESQUE NEWYORK

303 FOLLOWING WYOMING AND MONTVISO CLIENTS LEFT CASABLANCA
TODAY BOARDING NOVEMAR IN CADIX ADOLF & SIDONIE BERZELIE R
WILLY SIMONSIN VASSIE MICHAELIS FAMILY KELLER EDOUARD MAGNUS
ETWIFE IRMGARD AMELUNG LISE OPPENHEIMER ALFRED
WEISSMANN ETWIFE EMIL TIGER ETWIFE JOSEPH THAN LUDWIG AND
WALTER HACKE GERTRUD STEUER STOP MORE POSSIBILITIES
FOR OTHERS NEXT BOATS LEAVING TANGER OR CADIZ THROUGH HDOEM
OR AGENCE CASTELLA CASABLANCA PRICE ~~44-0XXXXXXX~~ PEPERSON STOP
CAN YOU ARRANGE TRANSFER MONEY BEFORE BOAT JULY FIFTEENTH

FRY

JULY 8 1941

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ANY CABLE REQ'D. ON JULY 8th [1941?]

#000...UR 120 21240: ASK STATE DEPT IMMEDIATELY RECONSIDER
 FOLLOWING VISA VISAS STOP CONSUL HAS RECEIVED APPROVAL BUT CANNOT
 NOW GRANT VISA UNTIL WE APPROVALS A RIVE STOP DATA JU HAT STOP
 FIRST WE CHILD RICHARD HANSEN ROBERT KELLER WIFE TWO CHILDREN
 HILLO KIRSTEN RE CHILD.

ordinaire

KURT OPPENHEIMER
ABORD NOVEMAR

PORT CADIX

ESPAGNE

PRIERE OBTENIR EVENTUELLEMENT PAR CAPITAINE BATEAU
CERTIFICAT EMBARQUEMENT NOS PROTEGES STOP CECI
NOUS PERMETTRA RECUPERER LEURS CHEQUES GARANTIE QU ILS
DOIVENT NOUS ENVOYER AVEC AUTORISATION LEGALISEE POUR
PAUL SCHMIDNER STOP LISTE PASSAGERS SUIVANTE
ADOLPHE ET SIDONNE BERZELIER WILLY SIMONSIN GASSIE
MICHAELIS JEANNETTE ENGEL HEINZ LUNAU ERNST LORSLEY
FAMILLE SALLY KELLER CINQ PERSONNES EDJARD MAGNUS
ETHEMME IRMGARD AMELUNG LISE OPPENHEIMER ALFRED WEISSMANN
ERHEMME EMILIE TIGER ETHEMME GERTRUDE STEUER SZAKO FRYDMANN
LOUIS HACKE ET FILS JOSEPH THAN

AMSECOURS

8 JUILLET 1941

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LISBONNE 9/7/41 RECU 10/7/41
IO4 REPLYING ~~YOUR~~ YOURS I52 SO FAR WE KNEW GAVE PREFERENCE PERSONS
WHOSE VISAS EXPIRE SOON STOP DUNCKER EXPIRED JULY FOURTH
THUS NAVEMAR WAS TOOLATE NO OTHER POSSIBILITY WE WORKING GET
HIM HERE SEE OUR CABLE IOO STOP WE INFORMED WEINGARTEN JUNE XX
SEVENTENTEENTH APLY TRANSIT VISA PORTCONSUL CASABLANCA APPLICATION
NOT MADE UNTIL TODAY STOP NEVERTHELESS TRYING GET HIM HERE IN
TIME EXETER ELEVENTH STOP ADOLF SIDONIE BERZELLER DEPARTURE
NAVEMAR ARRANGED SAMEDAY WE WERE INFORMED VISAS EXPIRING STOP
NO MONEY. JEWISHLABOUR AVAILABLE WE GUARANTEED 732 DOLLARS STOP
NO INFORMATION ABOUT EXPIRATION VISAS REST BERZELLER FAMILY STOP
NOT MICHAELIS BUT WE SELECTED PERSONS SO FAR HIGHM ALLOWED STOP
MICHAELIS HIMSELF NO VISA NO SAILING STOP SIMONSIN VISA EXPIRING
TWENTIETH FIVE KELLERS HAD PASSAGE MONEY HERE WHILST NO PAYMENT
JEWISHLABOUR STOP CONSIDER DIFFICULTIES EXPLAINED OUR CABLES
MISINFORMED

DEXTER

SALY KELLER

MAJESTIC HOTEL CASABLANCA

CASTELLA AUCUN DROIT RECLAMER DEPOT MARTINIQUE stop CONTACTEZ
POUR EXPLICATION NOTRE AMI LOUIS MACKE HOTELRIQUE

AMSECOURS

12 JUILLET 1941

C.A.S. 18 ED. GARIPALDI MARSEILLE

REPORT, 10 JULY 1941

III LISTE DEFINITIVE PROTEGES QUERIE - EN-ANT GABAYLANCA VERS 33

- 1 MERCELLINS 4 KELLERS & WERE
- 2 METZGER 2 GRARDI
- 3 FRIEDBERGER 3 FRIEDBERGER
- 4 ALFRED ADLER 3 KAHN
- 5 PIANA GARDMAN A HELMUT OTTENBERGER
- OTTENBERGER RAUCHBERG SHERIDAN

LISTE MAJORETTE ENA DIXHEE PROTEGES FOURE FAMILIEN

INDICTION PENDEE NOE CAS SUIVANT VOS CONSEILS POSSIBILITEE

SECON FOND RECALCULANT CAS ARTICAS DEFINIS INTERVENTION WASHINGTON

APPAREMMENT POSITIVE stop

VIC4 LADISLAUS MERCELLINS WOLFFVIA HUBER MOEHL STACH STONE

TEMPORAIRE PORTUGAL INSUFFISANT stop

RESPONDANT VOTRE LETTRE 17 JUIN NEWYORK CATLA MACLOWSKI PAS

NOIEN CAS MAIS AMIS S'OCCUPENT stop

VIC4 GERARDINHO PASTINA NEWYORK PROBABLEMENT FIN AOUT DEBUT

SEPTEMBRE stop

CASER SITUATION N A MURINEARDE LE LEVANDON PRES TOULON

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July 15, 1941

NIGHT LETTER

UNITARIAN
LISBON

43 UR61 WE WORKING JOINT ACTION STRANDED CASA CASES WORKING ON EXPIRED VISAS
 WE CONSIDERING SUGGESTION JOINT DELEGATION STOP UR60 WE PAYING HICEM OUR
 TRANSPORTATION CASES OURSELVES STOP SENDING YOU MONEY WHEN LICENSE OBTAINED
 STOP CONTACTING BOSTON OFFICE TO FILL UP MONEY FOR MURRAY STOP MAGNUS FRYDMAN
 KELLER NOT OUR CASES CANNOT PAY TRANSPORTATION STOP PETER MASLOWSKI NOT OUR CASE
 BUT FRIENDS WORKING

EMERESCUE

Gran Hotel Madrid

Sevilla

4 August 1941

H. U. S. A.

ny/r me 50/viii

Sehr geehrten Herr Dr. Schweiner,

nachdem wir durch Ihre gütige Vermittlung Plätze auf der "unglücklichen Wyoming" hatten, haben wir jetzt ebenfalls wieder durch Ihre Vermittlung Passagen auf der Navemar, die schon wieder um 1 Monat Verspätung hat & deren Abfahrt auch heute noch sehr zweifelhaft ist. Trotzdem hoffen wir in Baldo in New York anzukommen.

Wie Sie wissen, habe ich meine 5 Plätze bei Ihnen mit 4300.- fr. bezahlt, während der richtige Preis 3400.- betrug. Sie haben demnach bei mir eine Schuld von 4500.- fr. Die Firma Castella, Casablanca hat von mir die Bekämpfung ihrer Commission vor Anskündigung der provisorischen Fahrkarten verlangt

[4 Aug - 1941]

und ich habe ihr - nun meine Absicht
nicht zu gefährden - 5000.- fr. bezahlt,
so dass Castella keinerlei Ansprüche
für mich bei Ihnen stellen kann.
Sollten Sie inzwischen schon etwas be-
zahlt haben, so müssten Sie diesen
Betrag ^{von dem} zurückfordern. Wie ich Ihnen
beim letzten Brief bei meinem Postamt mitteilte,
war die bei Ihnen gemachte Spende
von 15000.- fr. der letzte Rest
meiner Mittel. Mein Depot bei der
Hilfen für die November wird
von my Verwandten in Amerika
gestellt, die damit auch ihre
letzten Reserven verbraucht haben.
Das allerletzte mit dem meine
hartnäckigen Gelder die ich in der
ein oder anderen Weise in Amerika
flüssig machen muss. Ihnen hat sich
dieser Tage ein gewisser Herr Oppenheimer
in Ihrem Auftrag an mich gewandt &
von mir 2500.- fr. verlangt und zwar
in einer Art, die von einer Expressung
nicht weit entfernt war, es ist selbst-
verständlich, dass ich es ablehne,
irgendetwas noch zu zahlen oder

4-AUG-1941

auch mir noch mit dem genannten
Herrn zu verhandeln. Aus Gegenseit,
in Anbetracht meiner Kollage, muss
sich auf sofortige Rückzahlung der
eingangs erwähnten 4500.- für abzug
einiger Telegrammexpesen beschränken,
nachdem ich auf my Brief von
Ihrer Uai dies erhalte von Ihnen
keine Antwort bekommen habe, an
Stelle ich Sie nunmehr zum letzten
mal die Summe an meinen Bruder
Max Keller, Arbas Me Jarome sofort
zu überweisen, sollte ich bei meines
Ankunft in New York keine Bestä-
tigung über den Eingang des Geldes
bei my Bruder vorfinden, wäre ich
zu meinem Bedauern gezwungen,
die ganze Angelegenheit Ihrer
Organisation in New York zu unter-
suchen, um mit deren Hilfe zu
meinem Geld zu kommen. Ich würde
es sehr bedauern, wenn ich zu diesem
Schritt gezwungen wäre.

Hochachtungsvoll

Salj Keller

40 Greenberg 720 West 170 Street
Apt. 36. New York

part

Monsieur Saly Keller
c/o Greenberg
720 West 173 street, Apt. 36
New - York

Ms
jg / jr

11 Août 1941

Monsieur,

J'ai bien reçu votre lettre du 4 courant.

Si je vous dois des excuses à cause du retard apporté au renvoi des 4.500 francs à l'adresse indiquée, - retard absolument en dehors de ma propre volonté et qui est dû uniquement à un faux libellé de l'adresse de votre frère par notre trésorier - , je ne puis m'empêcher de trouver le ton de votre lettre extrêmement désagréable.

Nous avons engagé, pour le dépannage de nos protégés de Casablanca des frais considérables. Pour nous couvrir personnellement de ces frais, nous avons adressé à tous nos protégés, ainsi qu'à notre ami Oppenheim, une lettre circulaire que vous avez reçue en les priant de nous renvoyer les reçus de cautionnement, étant entendu que tout excédent éventuel de la somme effectivement dépensée par nous serait immédiatement retourné aux intéressés ou aux personnes qu'ils nous désigneraient en leurs lieu et place.

C'est dans ce sens que Monsieur Oppenheim est intervenu auprès de vous et il me semble absolument inutile de répondre aux reproches formulés par vous à cet égard.

Nous sommes évidemment décidés à vous rembourser les 4.500 francs perçus en trop (et c'est parce que au moment où vous avez effectué ce versement la Compagnie de Navigation ne nous avait pas encore fixés sur la diminution du prix des passages comparativement à ceux du "Winnipeg"), sous la réserve expresse que votre passage de Casablanca à Tanger n'a engagé aucune dépense sur notre avoir à la Compagnie Castella. J'ai écrit dans ce sens à notre Organisation de New-York.

Veillez agréer, Monsieur, mes sincères salutations.

p. Le Centre Américain de Secours :

CASES ON HIAS LIST AND MENTIONED BY UNITARIANS
AS OUR CASES.

FRYDMAN SZAJKO

KELLER SALOMON

We have a Robert Keller whom we guaranteed, must be mistake.

We have paid half transportation for Leo Friedman, an IRA CASE,
which is probably a mistake with Szajko Frydman.

Magnus

Jane

Sally Keller
no card

WESTON, 11 AOUT 1941

LES VINGT DELAI QUINZE JOURS

VEVO NICHU DEPUIS MAINTENANT CHAQUE GARANTIE ENNEMIS
PRESENTEMENT ENNEMIS DOLT GOOD ANCIENS PASSEURS NIE
INCLUS QUINI NYASSA HAVEMAN TRICE MAINTENANT
PAIEMENT STOP IMPAYABLES IMPAYABLES ARRANGERS
PASSEURS ARRANGERS stop

A TOLD HAVEMAN

SCHENKEL

HAGUE'S

WHIGSWAINS

MAGNUS'JA

ROTSCHILD'S

KELLERS

STARR

THAN

MENAGENS

WILCO

SPINKER

RICHARDS

HARRISON

IDA GRACIE ET BARI

UNITARIAN

Dr. Paul Hertz
8817 South Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, Calif.

August 6, 1941

Emergency Rescue Committee
122 East 42nd Street
New York, N.Y.

RE: Robert Keller with family

Dear Miss Loeb;

Please find enclosed my statement in triplicate that you asked about Mr. Keller and family which covers the whereabouts of all close relatives. All other indications are to find in the biography I sent to you last fall.

I should be be very obliged to you if you would let me know immediately whether this new statement will be recognized as sufficiently, for I am very interested in the case of Mr. Keller and his family. and eager to know if the visa will be issued. I should be very grateful, too, if you would take care that the decision of the State Department would be wired to the Consulate in Marseille.

Very sincerely yours

Paul Hertz

State of California
County of Los Angeles

Los Angeles
8817 South Figueroa Street
August 8th, 1941

I certify to my best knowledge and belief I am able to give the following information regarding Robert and Annemarie KELLER in view of my familiarity with their personal history.

August Paul Robert Keller
born on June 12, 1901
at Trebbin, Germany

Elisabeth Annemarie Keller (form. Schulze)
born on January 23, 1905
at Dresden, Germany

actually residing at BELLAC (Haute Vienne) France
30, Place Carnot

married on January 30, 1926 in Berlin.

Children:

Frank Keller, son,
born on January 8, 1930 at Eisleben, Germany

Annette Keller, daughter,
born on March 18, 1940 at Paris, France

Robert Keller, Annemarie Keller and Frank Keller have been deprived of German citizenship by decree of the German Government on January 26, 1938.

Parents of Robert Keller:

Father was living in Berlin and probably died after 1933. Keller had no contact with him since 1933, when he left Germany.

Mother died 1907 in Berlin.

Keller has neither brothers nor sisters.

Parents of Annemarie Keller:

Father died in May 1929 in Berlin.

Mother was living in a home for aged people in Berlin-Zehlendorf. Mrs Keller was not in contact with her since summer 1939.

Two brothers are living in Berlin. Mrs Keller has no contacts with them since 1925 and 1933 respectively.

I am convinced that the visa applicants are friendly to the United States and well disposed toward the good order and happiness of its people, and that they are coming to the United States for a lawful purpose and will not engage in any activity contrary to the public safety of the United States. The reasons for this belief are as follows:

Robert and Annemarie Keller have been active members of the German Social Democratic Party. They have fought against the doctrines of Nazism and Communism and as a result of their expressed opposition to these doctrines left Germany already in 1933. They continued to fight courageously against all Nazist doctrines and, subsequently were deprived of German citizenship.

They have broken every contact with their relatives in Germany.

Paul Hertz

Dr. Paul Hertz

former member of the German Reichstag and General Secretary of the Social Democratic parliamentary group.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

6 day of August 1941

R. N. Higginbottom

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

August 11th, 1941

Dr. Paul Hertz
8817 South Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, Calif.

RE: ROBERT KELLER & FAMILY

Dear Dr. Hertz:

Many thanks for your letter of August 6th.

I am sending today the statement which you sent us to Mr. George Warren of the President's Advisory Committee. I hope that he will send it on to Washington as soon as possible.

If I may however make a suggestion, it might not do any harm to write directly to George Warren, 122 East 22nd Street, New York City, requesting him to rush the case through.

Very sincerely yours,

Lotta Loeb
Case Department

LL:K

August 11th, 1941

Mr. George L. Warren
122 East 22nd Street
New York City

RE: ROBERT KELLER & FAMILY
BERTHA ZUCKERKANDL
EMIL ZUCKERKANDL

Dear Mr. Warren:

We are enclosing herewith notarized statements regarding the close relatives of Robert Keller and his family Bertha Zuckerkandl and Emil Zuckerkandl.

The case of Robert Keller and his family was submitted to you on December 10th, 1940 and the recommendation for the visa was cabled to Lyons on May 17th, 1941.

The case of Emil Zuckerkandl was sent to you on April 3rd, 1941 in connection with the case of his grandmother, Bertha Zuckerkandl, and was forwarded to Washington on June 12th, 1941.

The case of Mrs. Bertha Zuckerkandl was submitted to you on January 20th, 1941 and forwarded to Washington on June 12th, 1941.

We hope that the visas can be granted to the above named as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours

Lotta Loeb
Case Department

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[1941? Ag 13]

NLT MMHESQUE FROM AMSECOURS REC'D. ON AUGUST 13th

#337...UR 138 LYON NICE CONSULATES CLAIM HAVE NO AUTHORIZATION

FOR HANS VENEEDY ROBERT KELLER OTTO WERTHEIMER TIBOR FREESZ

WALTER MECKAUER REQUEST STATE DEPARTMENT CABLE AUTHORIZATIONS.

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

Dr. Paul Hertz
8817 South Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, Calif.

August 16, 1941

Emergency Rescue Committee
122 East 42 Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Loeb:

Thanks for your letters of August 5th and 15th.

I wrote to Mr. Warren in behalf of Keller's case and asked him to give an immediate attention to this case.

I am very sorry to hear that you can't get along with Mr. Eisenstaedt's case, but, as I already wrote you some weeks ago, I do not know his relatives in this country. I tried to get some informations about his relatives from people formerly living in Koenigsberg, but nobody could be of any help. Perhaps it would be the best to write to Dr. Eisenstaedt in France and to ask him about further informations.

Very sincerely yours

Mae Levy

Paul Hertz
8817 South Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, California
September 7, 1941

RE: ROBERT KELLER

Emergency Rescue Committee
Miss Ingrid Warburg
122 East 42 Street
New York, N.Y.

Liebe Ingrid,

Ich möchte heute Ihre Aufmerksamkeit nochmals auf den Fall Robert Keller lenken.

Das Visa ist im April von Washington bewilligt worden. Durch ein Versehen der französischen Postbehörde wurde das Telegramm des amerikanischen Konsulates in Lyon mit der Vorladung nicht bestellt. Durch diesen unglückseligen Zufall fällt Keller unter die neuen Bestimmungen. Meine Erklärung über die persönlichen Verhältnisse der Familie Keller, insbesondere die Angehörigen in Deutschland betreffend, ist dem President's Advisory Committee Mitte August ü. berrnittel't worden. Auf Vorschlag von Miss Lotta Loeb habe ich am 16. August auch noch einen persönlichen Brief an Mr. Warren geschrieben.

Nun erhalte ich gestern von Keller, den ich von dem Stand der Sache benachrichtigt hatte, die Mitteilung, dass Mr. Fry in Marseille ihm folgendes geschrieben habe:

" Die Bewilligung des Visas bleibt gültig. Der Konsul wird Sie zwar nochmals ausführlich befragen, das spielt aber mutmasslich keinerlei Rolle. Er muss aber wegen der Quotenummer nach Washington telegraphieren. Dieses Telegramm sendet er nicht ab, solange nicht die Passagefrage völlig geklärt ist. Ich habe unsere Freunde drüben um energische Intervention im Emserscu gebeten und versucht, sie zu veranlassen, von sich aus etwas beizusteuern, um die Sache endlich ins Rollen zu bringen. "

Wenn diese Darstellung von Mr. Fry richtig ist, und die Erteilung des Visas nur von der Bereitstellung der Fahrkarten abhängt, so wäre man doch ein wesentliches Stück weiter. Mit Keller verbindet mich nicht nur eine jahrelange Zusammenarbeit, ich halte ihn und seine Frau auch für charakterlich ungewöhnlich hochstehend.

U.S.A.

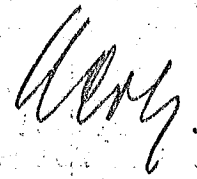
Sie hatten eine Erbschaft in die Tschechoslowakei retten können. Dieses Geld haben sie für die illegale Arbeit nach und in Deutschland sowie für Hilfszwecke ausgegeben, wohl ein Beweis für ihre Selbstlosigkeit und ihren Idealismus. Dass Kellers Auswanderung sich durch unerwartete Hindernisse immer wieder verzögert, und er jetzt einer der letzten ist, bedrückt nicht nur ihn sondern auch mich.

Ich möchte Sie daher dringend bitten, alles zu tun, was in Ihren Kräften steht, um die Fahrkarten für Keller zu beschaffen. Ich weiss, dass derartige Anforderungen auch von anderen Seiten an Sie gestellt werden, denn oft genug werde ich gebeten, mich bei Ihnen für solche Fälle zu verwenden. Ausser Mr. Schweitzer, University of Wyoming, der wie er mir schreibt, dem ERC \$ 50.- für Kellers Fahrt gesandt hat, ist niemand in USA, der Keller finanziell beistehen könnte. Sie kennen meine Lage. Trotzdem wäre auch ich bereit, etwas beizusteuern, wenn das nötig ist, um seine Ueberfahrt zu sichern.

Lassen Sie mich bitte wissen - ich wäre Ihnen sehr dankbar, wenn das schnell geschehen könnte -, was Sie in der Sache getan haben.

Mit bestem Dank und besten Grüßen

Ihr



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MARSEILLE

NLT EMERESQUE NEW YORK

354UR 170 MARCONSUL RETRACTED TELEGRAM STATED SEPT MAY 21
 FOR REINSNERS REAPPROVAL NEVERTHELESS NECESSARY STOP ALSO REQUEST
 KONRAD ARRANGE PASSAGES STOP UR 163 FAMILY WIFE ~~ROBERT KILLER~~
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 1925 MOTHER AGE 68 ALMSHOUSE ZEHLENDORF BERLIN BROTHERS HANS
 EBERHARD GERMANY ADDRESS UNKNOWN NO CONTACT SINCE 1925 1933
 STOP R298 CAN WE ASSIST DORA JURKAT

AMSECOURS.

Dr. Paul Hertz
8817 South Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, Calif.
September 20, 1941

Emergency Rescue Committee
122 East 42nd Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Loeb:

Re: Mr. and Mrs Max Cohen:

Thanks for your letter of September 18th. I had already written to Mr. Cohen asking for his and his wife's family data, and I received them a few days ago. Therefore I am able to send you today the requested statement including the informations about the whereabouts of and the contatcts with their closest relatives.

Re: Robert Keller and familiy:

I should be very grateful to you if you could let me know immediately how the case of Robert Keller is getting along. On September 7th, I approached Miss Ingrid Warburg suggesting to intervene in his case which I consider as one of the most urgent ones, because he is in danger to be extradited to the German authorities. Meanwhile, Mr. Keller sent me another letter of August 25th telling me that it is of the utmost importance for him to have the confirmation that the transportation is assured and the passage paid. The Consul in Lyon would not be willing to issue the visas before having this confirmation shown. Furthermore, Keller has written that he learned from Mry Fry in Marseille to have sent several cables asking for Keller's passage, but until now, he has not yet received an answer. Please let me hear from you about this case as soon as it is possible to you.

Very sincerely yours

Wesley

Dr. Paul Hertz
8817 South Figuerogoa Street
Los Angeles Calif.
September 20, 1941

Emergency Rescue Committee
122 East 42nd Street
New York, N.Y.

Re: ROBERT KELLER AND FAMILY

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Very sincerely yours,

Paul Hertz

This document follows check.

EXCERPTS from cable dated Sept. 30, 1941
AMSECOURS to EMERESCUE

No. 366

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Weisselberg, David

Lepere, Alma - ~~Riskax~~ Holger

Peter Wretzl

Fritz Kaufmann

✓ Robert Keller

Fritz Wiener

EXCERPTS from cable AMSECOURS to EMERESCUE dated Oct 4, 1941
No. 389:

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RESERVATIONS SHOULD BEFORE TEN WEEKS AFTER OUR CABLE ANNOUNCING
VISA POSSIBILITY STOP

Excerpt from letter from Dr. Paul Hertz, 8817 S. Figueros St., Los Angeles, Calif., dated Oct. 10, 1941:

At this occasion I want to remind you of Mr. Robert Keller's case. I wrote you repeatedly on behalf of him and am very astonished to get no answer from you. Every week I receive a desperate letter of Mr. Keller and I am very sorry that I am not able to give him a definite reply. Therefore, I am asking you once more to write me immediately about his visa and the question of his and his family's passage.

NLT FROM EMERSCUE to AMSECOUR DATED OCT 14, 1941 No. 181

WORKING KELLER PASSAGE

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FRITZ WIENER IRA CASE WORKING RECONFIRMATION

Handwritten:
Keller
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October 16th, 1941

Dr. Paul Hertz
8817 S. Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, Calif.

RE: ROBERT KELLER

Dear Dr. Hertz:

I received your letter of October 10th. I have not been able to give you a definite answer regarding Robert Keller and his family because I have not received a report from the President's Advisory Committee that the case has been reauthorized so that there is nothing that I can tell you at this point about the visa situation.

I have discussed the question of passage with Miss Warburg and was informed that the passage has already been taken care of. The passage money was guaranteed quite some time ago but has been reconfirmed last week.

Very sincerely yours

Lotta Loeb
Case Department

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WE GUARANTEE PASSAGE ROBERT KEILLER AND FAMILY

EMERSCUE

November 4th, 1941

RE: ROBERT KELLER AND HIS FAMILY

President's Advisory Committee telephoned stating that the Visa Division in a letter dated October 31st, informed them that a cable has been sent to the Consul in Lyon reconfirming the visa of Robert Keller and his family.

L. Loeb

MK

AIR MAIL

November 5th, 1941

Dr. Paul Hertz
8817 So. Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, Calif.

RE: ROBERT KELLER AND FAMILY

Dear Dr. Hertz:

I am very happy to inform you that we received today a message from the President's Advisory Committee that the visa for Robert Keller and his family has been confirmed and a cable has been sent to the American Consul in Lyons to that effect.

I hope that Mr. Keller will soon be able to come to his country.

Very sincerely yours

Lotta Loeb
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November 5, 1941

NIGHT LETTER

AMSECOUR
MARSEILLE

URSULA PROMISED PAY HASNT SHE STOP ROBERT KELLER VISA REAUTHORIZED STOP WORKING
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INGRID MCCARTEN

Paul Hertz
8817 South Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, Calif.

November 9, 1941

Emergency Rescue Committee
Miss Lotta Loeb
122 East 42nd Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Loeb:

I thank you so much for having informed me as quickly as you did about the visas granted to Mr. Robert Keller and his family. I was very happy to hear about this outcome and appreciate your help and the help of the ERC. I would be very grateful to you if you could inform me as soon as you hear anything else in this case, especially when Mr. Keller and his family are able to leave France.

Please find enclosed two clips of the L.A. Times which will probably be of some interest to you.

Very sincerely yours

Paul Hertz

12-17-41

Excerpt of letter from Dr. Paul Hertz
8817 South Figueros Street
Los Angeles, California.

Emergency Rescue Committee
122 E. 42nd Street
New York N.Y.

Do you know any further information about Mr. Robert Keller's case? Do you know if the Consul in Marseille issued the visa to Mr. Keller and when he and his family will leave for the United States.

Very sincerely yours,

HERTZ

AIR MAIL

December 17th, 1941

Dr. Paul Herts
8817 South Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, California

RE: JOSEF AND PHILINE JUSTUS
ROBERT KELLER

Dear Dr. Herts:

Many thanks for your letter. Unfortunately, we have not information regarding the Keller family and have not heard from our Marseille Office for more than a week. We have as you know repeatedly guaranteed the transportation of the Kellers but it is questionable whether they were able to avail themselves of the opportunity to reach Portugal on time.

Regarding Josef and Philine Justus - We have never been able to submit the case to the State Department after July 1st, 1941 because we were unable to secure new affidavits for the family. The affidavits given prior to July 1st, 1941, were considered weak and it was doubtful whether they could have been found adequate.

Inasmuch as there is still a possibility that visas may be granted providing applicants can find transportation facilities, I shall be very happy to work on the case if you will let me know who is willing to give the necessary affidavits of support.

Very sincerely yours

Lotta Loeb
Case Department

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Dr. Paul Hertz
8817 South Figueros Street
Los Angeles, Calif.
December 21, 1941

Emergency Rescue Committee
Miss Lotta Loeb
122 East 42nd Street
New York, N.Y.C.

Dear Miss Loeb:

Thanks for your letter. Regarding the Keller family
I am glad to tell you that meanwhile I received a letter from him dated
November 17th informing me that on November 13 the visas have been issued
to him and his family and that he is hoping to get the necessary exit and
transit visas without further difficulties so that he will be able to leave
Lisbon for the United States between December 10 and 20. I appreciate it
very much that you helped me so much with this difficult case.

Very sincerely yours,

DR. PAUL HERTZ

Dec. 23, 1941

Check sent to J.L.C. for Robert Keller

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Washington

In reply refer to
DA-D

January 2, 1942.

President's Advisory Committee,
122 East 22nd Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sirs:

Under date of November 3, 1941, the Department, on your behalf, incurred an expense for one telegram to the American Consul at Lyon, in regard to visa cases of Robert Keller and family,

amounting to \$ 5.58 (In addition to previous charges)

It will be appreciated if a check drawn payable to the order of the Secretary of State of the United States might be forwarded to this office promptly in settlement of this account and ACCOMPANIED BY THIS BILL to assure prompt credit.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of State:
D.W. CORRICK
Chief, Division of Accounts

811.111 Keller, Robert
jdc

AIR MAIL

January 27th, 1942

Dr. Paul Hertz
9817 South Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. ROBERT KELLER AND FAMILY

Dear Dr. Hertz:

We have today been informed by the President's Advisory Committee that the expense incurred in cabling the visa to the American Consul at Lyon in regard to Mr. Robert Keller amounts to \$3.53.

It will be appreciated if a check drawn payable to the order of the Emergency Rescue Committee might be forwarded as soon as possible.

With many thanks for your kind cooperation in this matter.

Very sincerely yours

Lotta Loeb
Case Department

LL:K

January 29th, 1942

Mr. George L. Warren
122 East 32nd Street
New York, N.Y.

RE: ROBERT KELLER, wife and 2 children
GERHART MEYER

Dear Mr. Warren:

We have been informed that the following people left Casablanca on the SEMPAINTO:

ROBERT KELLER, wife and 2 children
GERHART MEYER

The case of Robert Keller and family was submitted to you on Dec. 10th, 1940 and the visa was reauthorized on October 31st, 1941.

The case of Gerhart Meyer was submitted to you on February 7th, 1941 and the visa was reauthorized on November 18th, 1941.

Very sincerely yours

Lotta Loeb
Case Department

LLK

January 29th, 1943

Dr. Paul Hertz
8817 South Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, Calif.

RE: ROBERT KELLER AND FAMILY

Dear Dr. Hertz:

Inasmuch as you are interested in the case of Robert Keller and his family, we thought you would like to know that we have been informed that they have left Casablanca recently and are on the SERPAPHIM.

The exact date of their arrival here is unknown to us at this time.

Very sincerely yours

Lotta Loeb
Case Department

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MONument 2-09-09

February 7, 1942

Mr. Stephen Wise
Congresshouse
50 West 68th Street
New York City

RE: Robert Keller

Dear Mrs. Wise:

With the next boat due to arrive February 15th in New York (Serpa Finto) will come from Casablanca one of those unfortunate refugee families, Robert Keller with wife and two children. Robert Keller is an outstanding fighter for our cause and I would very much appreciate therefore if you would be kind enough to allow him to stay in the Congresshouse for the first few weeks.

Thanking you for your kindness and with my best compliments to Mr. Stephen Wise

yours very sincerely

K. R. Grossmann

KURT R. GROSSMANN

165 WEST 98TH STREET

NEW YORK, N. Y.

February 7, 1942

Emergency Rescue Committee
2 West 43rd Street
New York City

Dear Miss Loeb:

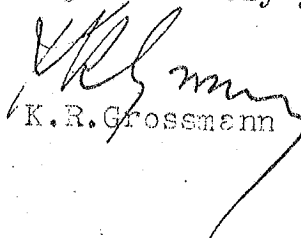
My friend Paul Hertz asked me to take care of the family Robert Keller due to arrive on the Serpa Pinto in the middle of ~~March~~ *February*

You will find enclosed a letter which I wrote to Mrs. Stephen Wise, and in which I ask her to lodge the family for the first weeks.

I would like to know that you will work in the same direction and let me know if you have succeeded. I am sure that somebody will be on the boat to receive the Keller family and to bring the family to the right place.

Thanking you for your kind co-operation

Very sincerely yours


K. R. Grossmann

Emergency Rescue Committee
International

122 EAST 43RD STREET
2 West 43rd Street

February 24th, 1942

Miss Hersey
American Committee for
Christian Refugees
139 Centre Street
New York City

Dear Miss Hersey:

This is to introduce Mr. Robert Keller and his family who arrived Friday, February 20th, on the SEEPAPINTO through a visa which was granted him through our Committee.

Mr. Robert Keller and his wife have been active since their youth and have always fought with their entire against the Nazis. From 1919 Mr. Keller was active in the "Jungsozialistisch Vereinigung" which formed a part of the German Social Democratic party. Through this activity he came to the attention of the Executive Committee of the Social Democratic Party.

The affidavit of support was given by Lois Mary McBride, 5544 Hobart Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., and the affidavit of sponsorship by Thelma Levinsky, 535 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

We would appreciate whatever assistance you can give Mr. Keller and his family.

Very sincerely yours

ML:K

Eva Lewinski
Case Department

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4-12-42

Robert Keller
Compass House
46 West 68th Ave.

Robert Keller
Scattergood Hostel
West Branch, Iowa

April 12, 1942

Liebe Genossin Wachenheim,

Ihren Brief vom 7.er fand ich bei meiner Ankunft in Scattergood vor. Ich freue mich, dass Sie bereits an Rosenfelder geschrieben haben und mich seine Antwort wissen lassen wollen.

Hinsichtlich der Erledigung der technischen Einzelheiten haben wir uns offenbar missverstanden, indem Sie unsere Abreden nur auf den Fall eines Mexiko-Visums für RIESS, ich dagegen auf den Fall selbst bezogen und daher Eva Lewinsky im Sinne meiner Abreden mit Ihnen informierte, als sich die Unmöglichkeit ergab, RIESS die Einwanderung nach Mexiko zu ebnen. Ich war tatsächlich der Meinung, dass Sie gemeinsam mit der I.R.A. den Fall weiterbearbeiten wollten.

Letztlich ist es natürlich für RIESS nicht von entscheidender Bedeutung, ob die Bemühungen für sein Immigration Visum von Ihnen allein oder von der I.R.A. allein oder in Zusammenarbeit zwischen Ihnen und der I.R.A. fortgesetzt werden. Von Bedeutung ist lediglich, dass diese Bemühungen fortgesetzt und trotz der neuen vielseitigen Schwierigkeiten mit unermüdlicher Ausdauer fortgesetzt werden.

Wir sind nach einer recht angenehmen und sehr interessanten Bus-Überlandfahrt vorgestern in Scattergood angekommen. Ob es uns hier nach Wunsch gehen wird, lässt sich erst nach Ablauf einiger Wochen übersehen.

Herzlichen Gruss

Ihr Robert KELLER

Liebe Genossin Lewinsky,

die vorstehende Abschrift ist meine Antwort auf einen Brief von Hedwig Wachenheim, dessen Inhalt mich überrascht und enttäuscht hat. Ich bin sehr betrübt, dass Hedwig Wachenheim die Angelegenheit etwas unter dem Gesichtswinkel der Konkurrenz betrachtet. Für den Fall selbst kann das keineswegs von Nutzen sein. Andererseits glaube ich, Hedwig Wachenheim bei Interesse halten zu müssen, damit die Sache überhaupt weitergeht. Ohne das erste Affidavit, das Rosenfelder gegeben hat und das im Dossier bei H.W. liegt, würde auch die I.R.A. die Sache nicht erneut anpacken können. Oder doch?

Viele herzliche Grüsse

Ihr

Robert Keller

Robert Keller
Scattergood Hostel
West Branch, Iowa

May 3, 1942

Liebe Genossin Lewinsky,

als Beilage finden Sie einen - so glaube ich - objektiven Bericht über Scattergood. Wir haben nicht das Gefühl, auf das richtige Pferd geklettert zu sein. Leider erfuhren wir erst hier, so ganz per Zufall, dass das Christian Committee in New York unseren hiesigen Aufenthalt bezahlt. Hätten wir gewusst oder auch nur geahnt, dass das Committee einen solchen Beitrag für uns aufwenden will, dann hätten wir versucht, diesen Zuschuss einem Start in New York dienstbar zu machen. Jetzt wird die Sache wohl nicht mehr zu reparieren sein.

Ich wäre Ihnen dankbar, wenn Sie mich wissen liessen, ob Ihnen Hedwig Wagenheim in der Sache Arthur Riess eine Mitteilung bezügl. ihrer Bemühungen um eine Erneuerung des Affidavits des Mr. Rosenfelder gemacht hat. Auch würde ich gern erfahren, ob sich in der Zwischenzeit eine Änderung ergeben hat, die mich für Riess und Schott für deren Auswanderung erneut hoffen liesse.

Mit vielen besten Grüßen
Ihr

Rolanz Tullman

May 6, 1942.

Mr. Robert Keller
Scattergood Hostel
West Branch, Iowa

Lieber Genosse Keller,

herzlichen Dank fuer Ihren Brief vom 3. und den Bericht ueber Scattergood. Es tut mir sehr leid, dass Sie offenbar nicht ganz gut gefahren sind. Allerdings kann es sein, dass, wie in manchen anderen Faellen, die Quaker sich fuer Ihr weiteres Schicksal interessieren, und dass irgend etwas Besseres dabei noch herauskommen kann. Schade waere es, wenn die ganze Zeit umsonst verbracht wuerde!

Hedwig Waechenheim hat mich seinerzeit angerufen und mir gesagt, dass sie sich wegen des Affidavits fuer Riess mit Mr. Rosenfelden in Verbindung setzen wuerde. Dann habe ich nichts wieder von ihr gehoert. Aus Gruenden, die ich Ihnen sicher nicht im einzelnen darzustellen brauche, ist es auch nicht ganz einfach fuer mich, sie zu fragen, ob sie etwas erreicht hat. Es muss erst etwas Zeit vergehen, bevor ich mein Interesse an der Sache wieder anmelden kann.

Wegen Mexiko und Cuba hat sich nichts Gutes in der letzten Zeit ergeben. Im Gegenteil; wie Sie sicher gelesen haben, hat es vor etwa zwei Wochen ein allgemeines Dekret sowohl in Cuba wie in Mexiko gegeben, wonach die Visenausgabe, bis auf ganz wenige Ausnahmen, allgemein gesperrt ist, ja, wonach sogar schon vorher bewilligte Visa nicht mehr gueltig sind. Kurz danach oeffnete sich die Tuer dann wieder ein ganz klein wenig - ich meine die Hoffnung, dass es vielleicht doch noch nicht ganz aus sein moege. Und wir sind im Augenblick dabei, naeher auszu-probieren, ob ein Projekt, fuer viel Geld mexikanische Visa zu bekommen, reell ist. Aber das ist noch voellig ungewiss, und im Augenblick ist zu konkreter Hoffnung sicher kein Anlass. Sowie sich die Lage bessern sollte, lasse ich Sie das gleich wissen.

Alles Gute Ihnen - hoffentlich erholen sich die Kinder wenigstens gut in dieser Zeit. Wuerden Sie Marie Juchacz sehr herzlich von mir gruessen? Mit vielen guten Gruessen an Sie und Ihre Familie und andere Freunde.

Scattergood Hostel liegt 11 Meilen östlich von Iowa City, das 240 Meilen westlich Chicago gelegen ist. Es liegt also nahe der Ostgrenze des State Iowa, der fast ausschliesslich landwirtschaftlichen Charakter hat. Der hiesige östliche Teil erinnert landschaftlich an Mittel-Pommern: Getreidefelder, Weiden, Wiesen; kein Wald, keine Seen, nur selten ein schmales Wassergerinnsel. Stellenweise, so wie Scattergood, ist das Land flach gewellt. Baumgruppen, von denen die Farmhäuser umgeben sind, bringen etwas Leben in die Gleichförmigkeit der Landschaft. Neben Getreidebau viel Viehzucht (Rinder, Schweine, Schafe).

Iowa City war einst die Hauptstadt des State Iowa. Es beherbergt die State University und hat 15000 Einwohner, von denen Studenten und das Lehrpersonal einen erheblichen Prozentsatz stellen. Die Stadt hat eine Radiostation mit ganztägigem Programm, fünf Kinos, viele Warenhäuser. Sie wirkt städtischer als z.B. Esch-sur-Meuse, das 25000 Einwohner hat.

Scattergood Hostel war bis 1939 eine Schule für Kinder aus Quakersfamilien. Dann wurde es von der Quakers-Zentralstelle in Philadelphia seiner jetzigen Bestimmung zugeführt. In den drei Jahren hat es insgesamt 200 Personen (deutsche, österreichische, tschechische Flüchtlinge) beherbergt.

Das Heim (zwei Wohngebäude, ein kleines Wohnhaus des Hausmeisters, ein primitives Meeting House und ein schuppenartiger Bau, der als Jugendherberge eingerichtet ist) liegt innerhalb eines grossen umzäunten Grundstückes: grosse Wiese, Gartenland, zwei Streifen Acker für Maisanbau, Weideland. Feld und Garten werden vom Hausmeister-Ehepaar bewirtschaftet, das auch den Viehbestand (etliche Schafe, 10 Schweine, einige Hühner, ein Pferd) versorgt.

Im Hauptgebäude sind in jedem der beiden Stockwerke 5-6 Wohnzimmer und 2 Badräume; im Erdgeschoss sind zwei modern eingerichtete Küchen und der Speisesaal, im mittleren Stockwerk der grosse Living Room und eine umfangreiche Bibliothek, die auch etliche französische und deutsche Bücher enthält. Im Living Room liegen u.a. die "New York Times", drei lokale Tageszeitungen, "Life", "Time", "Reader's Digest" und der "Aufbau" aus. Im zweiten Wohngebäude ist eine Waschküche mit allem Komfort. Die Wohnzimmer sind bescheiden, aber nett und ausreichend möbliert. Jede Familie hat ihr eigenes Zimmer. Alleinstehende Personen bewohnen ein Zimmer zu zweit oder dritt. Neben einem grossen Radioapparat im Living Room haben einige Wohnzimmer (leider nicht das unserige) Radioapparate.

Das zuständige Committee allein oder Verwandte allein oder Committee und Verwandte gemeinsam zahlen den Quakers je Person und Woche sieben Dollars (1.50 je Kind), von denen 2 \$ je Woche jedem erwachsenen Gast als Taschengeld ausgezahlt werden. Diese Geldgeber bestimmen die Dauer des Aufenthaltes im Heim, der in der Regel 3-5 Monate dauert. Es gibt aber auch Fälle längeren Aufenthaltes. Die Quakers stellen den Staff, unterhalten Gebäude und Grundstück und besolden den Hausmeister.

Die Heimbelegschaft hält sich gegenwärtig mit 23 Personen erheblich unter dem Normalstand. Von diesen 23 Leuten sind 5 im Kindesalter; von den 18 anderen sind 11 älter als 45 Jahre. Elf sind politische Flüchtlinge.

Die Beköstigung (Breakfast um 7,15 Uhr, Lunch um 12,30 und Dinner um 18,30 Uhr) ist einfach, aber ausreichend (etwas fleischarm). Zwischen den Mahlzeiten kann sich jeder in beliebiger Menge Milch nehmen.

Für die Kinder ist Scattergood eine gute Sommerfrische. Die schulpflichtigen Kinder werden um 8,15 Uhr vor dem Heim vom School Bus aufgenommen und um 16,30 Uhr wieder heimgebracht. Die Schule ist in West Branch (2 Meilen vom Heim entfernt).

Der Unterricht gliedert sich in individuelle Einzelstunden und in meetings. Lehr- und zugleich Verwaltungspersonal sind die sechs (augenblicklich vorübergehend sieben) Mitglieder des Staff. Von ihnen sind drei Mitglieder der Quakers, die anderen besoldete Kräfte. Mit Ausnahme der Leiterin sind sie alle unter 35 Jahre alt. Zwei von ihnen sprechen perfekt französisch. Dem Unterrichtsplan gemäss soll jeder Heimgast wöchentlich drei Einzelstunden haben. Infolge der starken Beanspruchung der Staff-Mitglieder durch andere Verpflichtungen wird aber dieser Plan nicht immer eingehalten. Da nur je ein männliches und weibliches Staff-Mitglied im Unterrichten geschult sind, kann für die Mehrheit der Heimbewohner die Wirksamkeit des Unterrichtes nicht sehr hoch veranschlagt werden. Jedes der 6 Staff-Mitglieder hat 3 Einzelschüler. Ein Wechsel in der

Person des Lehrers gehört nicht zur Regel. Es ist also eine Sache der Glückes, ob man einem der beiden guten Lehrer zugewiesen wird. Wir hatten dieses Glück nicht. Die meetings verteilen sich auf Nachmittags- und Abendstunden: History, Grammar, Phonetic, Public Speaking, kurze Vorträge von Gästen aus Iowa City oder aus anderen Orten. Der Sonntag und ein Abend eines Wochentages sind meeting-frei. Der in den Einzelstunden und meetings gebotene Lehrstoff bedarf gründlicher individueller Verarbeitung. Dazu gehört Zeit (siehe weiter unten). Mangel eines ausreichenden Wortschatzes ist trotz häufiger Ermahnungen seitens der Staff-Mitglieder unter den Heiminsassen deutsch die Umgangssprache. Nur während der mit dem Staff gemeinsamen Mahlzeiten wird strenger darauf geachtet, dass englisch gesprochen wird.

Zur Teilnahme an religiösen Meetings wird niemand veranlasst. Nach dem Breakfast geht, wer will, ins Meeting House. Dort sitzt man 10 Minuten still; kein Lied, kein Gebet, keine Predigt. Abgesehen von diesem Brauch verläuft jeder Tag ohne religiöse Handlungen.

Der wunde Punkt ist die Aufteilung der jobs. Für die notwendigen Arbeiten im Hause und ausserhalb des Hauses stehen theoretisch die 18 Gäste und die 7 Mitglieder des Staff zur Verfügung. Von diesen 25 Personen fallen aber mehre wegen Alters oder Krankheit gänzlich oder zeitweise aus. So sind z.B. für die zahlreichen men's works nur die beiden männlichen Staff-Mitglieder und von den acht männlichen Gästen nur drei arbeitsfähig. Dieser arbeitsfähige männliche Teil arbeitet vormittags durchgängig (Renovierungsarbeiten aller Art, wobei mir das luftige Low des clean the windows zugefallen ist - und es gibt hier unheimlich viele windows) und ist zusätzlich bei der allgemeinen Arbeit innerhalb des Hauses eingeteilt. Diese tägliche Hausarbeit ist kunstgerecht aufgeteilt in Breakfast preparation (2 Personen), Breakfast dishes 2 (Aufwasch des Geschirrs), Lunch preparation (2 Frauen), Lunch dishes 3, Lunch clean up 2 (Töpfe, Pfannen scheuern), Dinner preparation (2 Frauen), Dinner dishes 3, Dinner clean up 3, nach jeder Mahlzeit reinigen des Speisesaals je 1, Reinigen der halls and stairs 1, des Living Room und der Library 1, Washing 2, Ironing 1 und Mangling 1. Das sind also 27 tägliche Einzeljobs. Da es mangels ausreichender Arbeitskräfte nicht gelingen kann, von diesen aufgezählten jobs jene wählen, die in die Vormittagsstunden fallen, ist der arbeitsfähige männliche

Teil zusätzlich nachmittags oder abends 1-2 Stunden beschäftigt (abgesehen von den Unterrichtsstunden). So ergibt sich ein krassees Misverhältnis hinsichtlich der Freizeit, soll heissen bezüglich jener Zeit, die zum Lernen (individuelles Verarbeiten des Lehrstoffes) zur Verfügung steht. So gibt es Gäste, die täglich 1-2 Stunden job machen und die ganze restliche Zeit zum Lernen verfügbar haben, und andere, die nur den Sonntag und an Wochentagen nur 2-3 Stunden Lernzeit zwischen jobs und Unterricht herauspressen können. Hier ist auch der Schlüssel zu den völlig widerspruchsvollen Urteilen, die wir in New York über Scattergood und die Wirksamkeit seiner Schulung in englischer Sprache gehört haben.

Eine wohl durchdachte Organisation des Heimes müsste für die Gäste mit kurzfristetem Aufenthalt genügend Lern- und Leszeit übrig lassen, um das Ziel des Heimaufenthaltes wirklich erreichen zu können.

Über die Chancen und die Art einer Arbeitsvermittlung durch die hiesigen Quakers kann ich noch nicht abschliessend urteilen. Scheinbar beschränken sich aber ihre Verbindungen und Möglichkeiten auf Universitätskreise in Chicago und Iowa City und auf Farmer-Beziehungen im State Iowa.

Résumé Für Kinder ist Scattergood ein idealer Platz. Für ältere oder kranke Personen ist es ein guter Aufenthalt mit der Chance, englisch zu erlernen. Für Personen in unserer Lage kann Scattergood nicht empfohlen werden, weil 1) bei kurzfristigem Aufenthalt das Ziel des Heimes (Englisch lernen) unter den beschriebenen Umständen nicht erreicht werden kann, 2) der landwirtschaftliche State Iowa keinen grossen Spielraum für Starts ausserhalb der Landwirtschaft lässt, 3) der gleiche finanzielle Aufwand eines Committeees in geringeren Wochenraten auf etwas längere Frist ausgedehnt, sicher, z.B. in New York, einen besseren Start ermöglicht. Ist mit der Entscheidung für Scattergood gegenwärtig noch zusätzlich verbunden, dass aliens of enemy nationality Rückkehr nach New York unmöglich ist, dann ist es sogar eine Niete. Verglichen mit allem, was Flüchtlinge in Frankreich erleben müssen, ist Scattergood natürlich ein Paradies.

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June 9th, 1942

Mr. Robert Keller
Scattergood Hostel
West Branch, Iowa

RE: ARTHUR RISS

Dear Robert Keller:

Many thanks for your letter of June 7th. I just checked whether Professor Ernst Bernberg ever gave an affidavit for yourself and your family but we have nothing on our record, which would indicate this. The affidavit for you and your family was issued by Miss Lois Mary McBride of Pittsburgh.

I would be very happy if you would succeed in getting Professor Bernberg's affidavit for Arthur Riss.

With kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Eva Lewinski
Case Department

Robert Keller
Scattergood Hostel
West Branch, Iowa

June 27, 1942

International Rescue and Relief Committee
2 West 43rd Street
New York City

Liebe Genossin Lewinski,

mein Freund Schweitzer in Laramie (Wyoming) schreibt mir:

"I am pleased to learn that the REC has not used the affidavit of Mr. Herberg. But I am asking you to find out what the Self Help did with the affidavit which I forwarded to them last year. It is necessary to know this so that any complications may be eliminated at the beginning."

Ausserdem muss ich mich korrigieren: das Affidavit, von dem Schweitzer hier spricht, wurde von August Herberg in Wyoming für meine Familie gegeben. August ist der Bruder von Professor Paul Herberg.

Ich bitte Sie freundlichst, durch telephonische Rückfrage bei der Self Help zu ermitteln, ob dort dieses Affidavit in einem Aktenstück liegt und ob es in meinem Falle in irgendeiner Weise benutzt worden ist. Lassen Sie mich bitte die Auskunft der Self Help wissen, damit ich Schweitzer unterrichten kann und das Bemühen fortgesetzt werden kann, August Herberg für ein Affidavit zugunsten von Riess zu interessieren.

Wissen Sie schon, dass Dr. Alfred ADLER und seine Frau im Staatl. Sanatorium nahe Iowa City gute jobs bekommen haben? Wir haben sie vor wenigen Tagen besucht. Sie fühlen sich dort sehr wohl. Omi Hackel ist ihrer Tochter Nora vor etwa 14 Tagen in das Kinderheim nahe Chicago gefolgt. Sie arbeitet dort in der Küche. Das wären so die Neuigkeiten aus Scattergood.

Mit vielen freundlichen Grüßen

Ihr

R. Keller

June 30th, 1942

Mr. Robert Keller
Scattergood Hostel
West Branch, Iowa

Dear Mr. Keller:

Many thanks for your letter of June 27th. I telephoned the Self Help and they do not find any trace of an affidavit, which was made out by Mr. Hermsberg.

On behalf of which case did Mr. Hermsberg issue this affidavit and are you sure that it was sent to Self Help and not to the Council of Jewish Women or the National Refugee Service? As soon as we get more information, we will be glad to inquire again with Self Help.

I am very glad to know that Dr. Adler and the Hackels have been settled and I hope a good solution will be found for your own situation.

You will be glad to know that we just received the following reply from our Marseille Office, with reference to our request to assist Mr. Friedrich Schott.

"Mr. Friedrich Schott has been assisted by us from time to time and we will do so regularly just as soon as our funds permit it."

all of you.

With best wishes and kindest regards to

Very sincerely yours,

Eva Lewinski
Case Department

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION

June 23, 1944

Mr. Robert Keller
70 - 11 - 66th Street
Glendale 27, L.I., N.Y.

*(This address is
from July 1, 1944)*

Dear Robert Keller:

Enclosed please find two checks totaling \$100.00. This amount, I hope, will help you in your present difficult situation.

\$50.00 is from our Committee. The other \$50.00 represents a gift from friends of our Committee who established a special fund for selfhelp. One of the board members of that fund is Josef Lang, 200 West 78th St., New York City.

We have here in our office some kitchen tools and dishes waiting for you to be picked up. I think, you will need them in your new household. Happy moving!

Cordially,

Elsa Grossmann
Case Department

Enc.

Robert Keller
109 W. 70th Street
New York 23, N.Y.

Adresse ab 6. Juli:
70-11 66th Street
Glendale 27, L.I., N.Y.

June 25, 1944

Mrs. Elsa Grossmann
c/o International Rescue and Relief Committee
103 Park Avenue
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Grossmann,

gestern erhielt ich Ihren Brief vom 23. Juni, dem zwei Schecks über je \$ 50,00 beilagen. Sie können sich denken, welche grosse Hilfe dieser Beitrag für meine Familie darstellt angesichts der vielseitigen Ausgaben, die wir für die Übersiedlung von Milwaukee nach New York und für unsere Neu-Einrichtung in New York aufwenden müssen.

Ich möchte dem Rescue Committee sehr herzlich dafür danken. Von dem freundlichen Angebot, im Committee some kitchen tools and dishes abzuholen, werde ich gern Gebrauch machen. Auch für dieses Angebot danke ich.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Ihr

Robert Keller

July 25, 1944

Mr. Robert Keller
84-12 ~ 129th Street
Richmond Hill, 18, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Keller:

Thanks for the new address. I heard already from Hanna Eisfelder that you had again another address. How are you now and your family?

We have in our office some small pieces of furniture. If you are interested in it please come and see me. We could then also make an arrangement when you will come to my house with the kids.

Best regards to both of you.

Cordially,

Elsa Grossmann
Case Department

August 2, 1944

Mr. Robert Keller
84-12-;29th St.
Richmond Hills, L.I., N.Y.

Dear Mr. Keller:

I wonder whether you did not come yet to pick up the things here waiting for you. Today we wrapped them and the Railway Express will pick them up today. There are four packages which you will get in a few days.

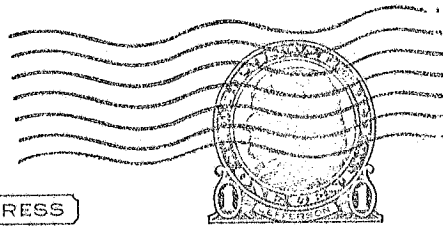
Karel Sternberg (i think, I gave you his office address once and you talked to him) told me today that there are a few vacancies again in his office. I don't know whether you are a good typist. I only know that they are looking for typists knowing some languages. Pay is very good, 48 hours work.

I hope to see you on Friday evening at the Memorial Services for Heinz Behrendt.

Best regards to both of you.
Cordially,

Elsa Grossmann
Case Department

(7-24-44)



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

International Rescue and Relief Committee
103 Park Avenue, Room 901
New York 17, N.Y.

July 24, 1944

Dear friends:

This is to advise you that my new address
is as follows:

84-12 129th Street
Richmond Hill 18, L.I., N.Y.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Keller

July 24, 1944

Dear friends:

This is to advise you that my new address is as follows:

84-12 129th Street
Richmond Hill 18, L.I., N.Y.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Keller

CASE DEPARTMENT — Message Memo

CASE Keller Robert
Country USA
To..... From..... Date 9/19/47
Caller..... Tel. No.....
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Telephone Call Interview

Robert Keller returned
to Germany a few months
ago. He is living in
Berlin.

His wife + children
stayed in the US.