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September 6, 1946.

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Dr. Frank Aydelotte,
The Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear Dr. Aydelotte:

I do not have anything to do with aliens who wish to visit Europe. I do have to do with trying to get permission for American citizens to go to Austria and I can say that the military authorities have steadfastly refused permission for American citizens to visit Austria for purely personal reasons. I therefore believe that Mrs. Gödel could not, at this time, obtain permission to go to visit her mother and return to the United States. I am, however, sending your letter to the Visa Division for further reply if there is anything further they can add.

Sincerely yours,

R. B. Shipley,
Chief, Passport Division.

August 28, 1946

Mrs. Ruth B. Shipley, Chief
Passport Division
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Shipley:

Does your Department have jurisdiction over aliens residing in the United States who wish permission to visit Europe? I am concerned about the case of Mrs. Adele Thusnelda Gödel, the wife of Professor Kurt Gödel of the Institute for Advanced Study, who has declared her intention of applying for American citizenship but has not yet received her final papers. Mrs. Gödel wishes to return to Austria to visit her mother who is seventy-nine years old and in frail health. Mrs. Gödel has a statement from the Department of Justice that she will be granted a re-entry permit provided she receives permission from the Department of State to leave this country. I do not know whether this permission should come from your office or from some other official. I should be most grateful if you could find the time to have a word with Mrs. Gödel and give her advice as to what she should do.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

FA:jer

Copy to Mrs. Gödel

July 17, 1946

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Mrs. Adele Thusnelda Gödel is the wife of Professor Kurt Gödel of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, New Jersey. Mrs. Gödel is of Austrian nationality, although she has made a declaration of her intention to become an American citizen. Mrs. Gödel plans to go to Vienna this summer to visit her mother, who is old and in ill health, and seeks a re-entry permit to the United States. She is a person who is qualified in every way to be granted such permission.

Frank Aydelotte
Director

FA:nh

July 2, 1946

Samuel D. Leidesdorf, Esq.
125 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Leidesdorf:

Mrs. Gödel was in to see me this morning to say that she would like to go back to Vienna to visit her mother, who is now a woman of advanced age and frail health. The Gödels have very little money. They have had \$4000 a year for the last five or six years and are to have \$6000 as of July 1st. Mrs. Gödel's question was whether the Institute would loan them \$500 or \$600 to pay her passage over and back, with the understanding that it would be repaid by monthly deductions from Dr. Gödel's salary during the next academic year. It seems to me a clear case for making the loan, and I see no possibility of any failure of repayment. I told Mrs. Gödel that I would not make her a promise until I had had an opportunity of consulting you. If you agree, I will put the arrangement through.

Yours sincerely,

Frank Aydelotte

FA:nh

Princeton, March 8, 1946

Dear Dr. Agdelotte:

A short time ago I received a telegram from my brother in Vienna, saying that the matter concerning my mother was settled satisfactorily. So I think that, at least for the time being, it is not necessary for me to do anything further. I am very sorry I had to trouble you in this matter.

Sincerely yours

Kurt Gödel

*re: correction of
registrations*

December 1, 1943

Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service
Pennsylvania Building
15th and Chestnut Streets
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Attention Assistant Commissioner
for Alien Registration

More than a year and a half ago (on March 12, 1942) my wife and I applied to Mr. Earl G. Harrison of the Department of Justice for an amendment of our registration as German citizens in the first alien registration, of 1940. Through a misunderstanding of the regulations we had registered as Germans instead of Austrians. In May 1943 we were summoned by the Immigration and Naturalization Service to make a statement in connection with this matter, which we did.

Having heard nothing further, I wrote on October 25, 1943, to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (Attention Inspector Bass) inquiring whether a decision had yet been reached. I have been informed in a letter dated November 13, signed by Mr. Charles I. Engard, Acting Chief, Investigations Section, that our case is now in your hands and any further inquiry should be addressed to you.

Our present status as enemy aliens not only makes it necessary for us to bother the authorities for travel permission each time we want to leave Princeton, but also would obstruct any attempt on our part to seek employment outside the circle where we are known, and it is by no means certain that it will be possible to extend indefinitely my position at the Institute for Advanced Study, where I am at present working. For these reasons I am eager to know whether it would not be possible to accelerate action in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Kurt Gödel

Alien Registration Numbers:
Kurt Friedrich Gödel, 4091237
Adele Thusnelda Gödel, 4091238

October 25, 1943

Immigration and Naturalization Service
Department of Justice
Market Street National Bank Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Attention Inspector Bass

Dear Sir:

At the end of May of this year, in compliance with your request, my wife and I called at your office and made a statement in connection with our application for amendment of our registration. Two days later we sent you our birth certificates, as you requested.

I understood you to say at that time that it would probably not be long before a final decision would be reached in our case. It is now nearly five months since our visit to your office and more than a year and a half since we first made application. Since we are obliged to trouble the authorities for travel permission each time we want to leave Princeton and since our present status would make it difficult should my wife or I be seeking employment outside the circle where we are known, we would be very grateful if action in our case could be accelerated.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Kurt Gödel

Alien Registration Numbers:

Kurt Friedrich Gödel 4091237

Adele Thusnelda Gödel 4091238

Re: Adele Gödel
AR NO. 4091238

October 25, 1943

Kurt Gödel
AR NO. 4091237

Mr. S. K. McKee
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
1836 Raymond Commerce Building
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge on behalf of my wife, Adele Gödel, your letter of October 18th to her, regarding change of address. In this connection I beg to inform you that my wife and I, who were living at 3 Chambers Terrace, Princeton, New Jersey, at the time we registered, remained at that address until we went to Maine at the end of July for our summer holiday. In October of 1942 we took an apartment at 108 Stockton Street, Princeton, where we lived until September of this year, when we moved to 120 Alexander Street, where we are now residing. I sent a notice of all these changes of address on the printed forms obtained at the post office.

We made application for certificate of identification and received our certificates on February 25, 1942 (Adele Gödel, Registered No. AR288; Kurt Gödel, Registered No. AR289). We are not enemy aliens, but are technically considered as such because in the first Alien registration of 1940 we registered mistakenly as German citizens. Our certificates of identification, however, state that we are Austrian citizens and we have taken steps to have our former registration corrected. A final decision has not yet been obtained in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. Kurt Gödel)

In February, 1942.

Copy for Dr. Gödel

Alien Registration Number:
Kurt Gödel-4091237
Adele Gödel-4091238

June 29, 1942

Mr. Earl G. Harrison
Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Harrison:

With reference to your letter of March 19th (Form AR-AE-113) to Dr. Kurt Gödel, acknowledging his application for amendment of his original registration under the Alien Registration Act of 1940, I should like to ask if, in view of the Attorney General's recent announcement regarding the correction of such registrations, it is necessary or advisable for Dr. and Mrs. Gödel to do anything further at this time.

It is my understanding that there is a special application form for this purpose, and if any information is desired in addition to that furnished in Dr. Gödel's letter to you, may I ask that you have such a form forwarded to Dr. Gödel at this address?

Very truly yours,

Assistant Secretary

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Immigration and Naturalization Service
Philadelphia, Pa.
Office of the District Director
Market & Juniper Streets

June 10, 1942

In reply refer to
File Number

2213-200290
2213-200291

Frank Aydelotte, Director
The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of April 25th concerning Dr. and Mrs. Kurt Gödel, it is suggested that for the present no action should be taken insofar as their declarations of intention are concerned. When they file their petitions for naturalization, the matter can be given appropriate attention at that time. The certificate of citizenship is prepared from the petition for naturalization and it shows the former nationality as appearing in the petition for naturalization.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Albert Del Guercio

District Director

re: draft status

May 19, 1943

Selective Service Board
6 Nassau Street
Princeton, New Jersey

Attention Miss Jones

Dear Miss Jones:

With reference to my letter of April 14, concerning Dr. Kurt Gödel, copy of which is enclosed, I wish to report that I have secured a certain amount of additional evidence concerning him which I believe the Selective Service Board would be glad to have.

Dr. Gödel spent some time at the Institute for Advanced Study in 1935. In the latter part of that year his mental condition became so serious that the authorities of the Institute felt it necessary to send him back to Austria, which was done. After he reached Austria he was a patient for some months in two sanitariums which receive individuals afflicted with mental disorders. The first of these was Rekawinkel Sanitarium at Rekawinkel, Austria, near Vienna, where he was a patient from January to March, 1936. The second was the Purkersdorf Sanitarium at Purkersdorf, Austria, also near Vienna, where he was a patient during April and May, 1936.

In Rekawinkel his situation was serious. He had the idea that all the sanitarium food was poisoned and he would eat only things that were prepared and brought to him by a young woman friend of the family (whom he later married) and then only on condition that she eat with him from the same plate and with the same spoon. Before he went to the sanitarium his mother, who could do nothing with him, was so frightened concerning his condition that she slept always in a locked room at night.

The treatment at Rekawinkel seems to have produced a great improvement in his condition and from the time he was moved to the Purkersdorf Sanitarium he began steadily to convalesce. After four months of treatment he was allowed to return to his home, though I believe it was a good deal longer time before he was sufficiently recovered to resume his mathematical work.

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I obtained this information from Mrs. Gödel, who would be glad to give the Selective Service Board any information in her power concerning her husband's condition. Her address is 108 Stockton Street and her telephone number is 708-W.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE, Director

FA/MCE

April 26, 1943

Dear Dr. Vanneman:

Dr. Aydelotte asked me to send you a copy of his letter to the Selective Service Board regarding Dr. Gödel together with a copy of their reply, both of which I enclose. He wonders if you have any further suggestions.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary to Dr. Aydelotte

Dr. Joseph S. Vanneman
45 Princeton Avenue
Princeton, New Jersey

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

LOCAL BOARD NO. 1
For Mercer County
6 Nassau St.
Princeton, N. J.

(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

Princeton, N.J.,
April 20th, 1943.

Mr. Frank Aydelotte, Director,
The Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton, New Jersey.

Re: Kurt Frederick Gödel
Order No. 1324

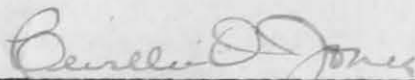
Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt of your recent letter relative to the above named registrant.

Although the Board is in sympathy with your knowledge of Mr. Gödel's condition, we are unable to effect a disqualification for this man at the local board. It will be necessary for him to be forwarded to the induction station for the Army examination, unless the local board doctors find that he has another type obvious defect which would be disqualifying. Even though Dr. Vanneman has personal knowledge of this man's emotional instability, unless there is history of commitment the registrant cannot be disqualified before being sent to the induction station. However, to preclude the possibility of a man of this type being accepted by the Armed Forces without a complete psychiatric examination we use a social record card system, which is forwarded to the induction station in advance of a registrant's examination, with a request for complete psychiatric examination and the doctor's statement of a registrant's psychopathic condition.

We trust that you appreciate our position in this matter and believe that the Board will do everything in it's power to bring about the proper solution to this problem.

Very truly yours,


(Mrs.) Cevillie O. Jones, Clerk.

COJ:MT



Parkesdorf

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Sautornin

Austria
Vienna

for nervous diseases

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1936 - April - May

Rekawinkel,

Austria
Vienna

Jan - March 1936

for nervous diseases

April 14, 1943

Selective Service Board
6 Nassau Street
Princeton, New Jersey

Attention Miss Jones

Dear Miss Jones:

Dr. Kurt Gödel, a member of the School of Mathematics of the Institute for Advanced Study, informs me that he has recently been reclassified and ~~down as~~ IA. *put in*
Dr. Gödel, like most refugees from Nazi Germany, is eager to do anything he can in support of the American war effort, but under the circumstances I think I ought to inform the Selective Service Board that Dr. Gödel has twice since he has been in Princeton shown such signs of mental and nervous instability as to cause the doctors who were consulted to diagnose him as a psychopathic case. When he was here in 1938 this mental disturbance was so severe that it became necessary to send him back to his home in Austria. He responded so well to the treatment that we invited him again to come to the Institute in 1940 and he has been here since that time. Last year, however, the symptoms returned and it has been necessary for him again to have medical treatment, which was carried out under the direction of Dr. Vanneman, who knows more about the case than anyone in Princeton.

Mathematically, it would perhaps not be an exaggeration to call Dr. Gödel a genius. There are people who believe him to be the best man in the world in his particular phase of the subject. This ability, however, is unfortunately accompanied by certain mental symptoms which, while they do not prevent active work in mathematics, might prove serious from the standpoint of the Army. Dr. Vanneman would be the best person to supply you with medical details concerning this case.

Yours sincerely,

FA/MCE

FRANK AYDELOTTE, Director

AR-4091237 Kurt Gödel
AR-4091238 Adele Gödel

October 9, 1942

Alien Registration Division
Immigration and Naturalization Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

In connection with our efforts to correct our first alien registration, my wife and I received the enclosed letters from the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Philadelphia, advising us to write to the nearest office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service for application forms. We wrote to Trenton and received the enclosed reply. Will you please send us the required forms or advise us exactly where we should apply for them?

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Kurt Gödel

September 29, 1942

Immigration and Naturalization Service
Post Office Building
Trenton, New Jersey

Dear Sirs:

Will you please send to my wife
and me the application forms to be filled out
in order to correct our first alien registra-
tion? My alien registration number is 4091237
and that of my wife, Adele Gödel, is 4091238.

Yours very truly,

Dr. Kurt Gödel

September 11, 1942

Honorable Charles M. Phillips
United States Attorney
Post Office Building
Trenton, New Jersey

My dear Sir:

I return herewith the travel permit issued to me on May 6th and respectfully request a renewal of this permit, for I shall need to go to New York occasionally for shopping and similar purposes and to visit my physician. I should like permission to go once every two or three weeks. I always travel by railroad and return on the same day.

My alien registration number is 4091238.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Kurt Gödel

September 11, 1942

Honorable Charles M. Phillips
United States Attorney
Post Office Building
Trenton, New Jersey

My dear Sir:

I return herewith the travel permit issued to me on May 6th and respectfully request a renewal of this permit, for I wish now to resume my trips to New York for the purpose of attending occasional scientific meetings, using New York libraries, and visiting my physician. I should like permission to go once every two or three weeks. I always travel by railroad and return on the same day.

My alien registration number is 4091237.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Kurt Gödel

June 24, 1942

Honorable Charles M. Phillips
United States Attorney
Post Office Building
Trenton, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

My wife and I wish to go to Seaside Heights, New Jersey, for a short holiday, and I should appreciate receiving permission for the travel. We would like to go on Saturday, the 27th of June, or Monday, the 29th, and we expect to return not later than three weeks from the date of our departure. I should be grateful if I could receive this permission by the 27th.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Kurt Gödel

June 24, 1942

Honorable Charles M. Phillips
United States Attorney
Post Office Building
Trenton, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

I wish to accompany my husband to Seaside Heights, New Jersey, for a holiday of approximately three weeks, beginning Saturday, June 27th, or Monday, June 29th, and would appreciate it very much if you would send me the permission for this travel.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Kurt Gödel

April 25, 1942

Assistant District Director of
Immigration and Naturalization
Room 400, Market Street National Bank Bldg.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

I recently wrote to Mr. Benjamin F. Havens, Clerk of the U. S. District Court at Trenton, New Jersey, concerning the registration of Dr. and Mrs. Kurt Gödel and have been directed by Mr. Havens to apply to you for more definite information.

Dr. and Mrs. Gödel are Austrians who came to the United States in March, 1940. Because of his eminence as a mathematician, Dr. Gödel was allowed by the German authorities to leave Austria, but since Austria had at that time been taken over by the Germans Dr. and Mrs. Gödel could get only German passports. They were accordingly registered in the first instance in this country as Germans, but they have recently corrected this registration in accordance with instructions received from Mr. Earl G. Harrison in the office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Washington.

The Gödels have filed a declaration of intention to become citizens of the United States and would naturally like the same correction as to their nationality to be made in this application. I should be most grateful if you would inform me as to the measures necessary for getting this correction made. For your information I enclose copy of my letter of March 21st to Mr. Havens, together with his reply dated March 27th. You will note that Mr. Havens thinks their registration as Germans should be allowed to stand for the present. If that is the wish of your department, that settled it, but since this registration was incorrect I felt myself that they had the responsibility of calling the matter very strongly to the attention of the authorities.

Yours sincerely,

FRANK AYDELOTTE, Director

FA/MCE

March 21, 1942

Benjamin F. Havens, Esq.
Clerk of the Court
Trenton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Havens:

May I ask your assistance in a matter which concerns Dr. Kurt Gödel of the Institute for Advanced Study? Dr. Gödel came to the United States in March, 1940. In December of the same year he filed with you a declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States, as did his wife, who accompanied him to this country. Dr. Gödel was born in Brünn, Moravia, which is a part of Czechoslovakia, and in 1928 was naturalized as a citizen of Austria. His wife was born in Austria and has always been a citizen of that country. Dr. Gödel was deprived of his teaching post at the University of Vienna when Hitler came into power, and when his Austrian passport expired and he applied for a renewal he could get only a German passport.

Consequently, when Dr. and Mrs. Gödel filed their declaration of intention they were put down as of German nationality, he being listed as born in Brünn, Germany, and she as being born in Vienna, Germany. These cities were, of course, not German at the time that Dr. and Mrs. Gödel were born and these statements on the declaration of intention should, it seems to me, be corrected. I am at a loss to know just how to go about it to get this correction made. Would it be possible for Dr. and Mrs. Gödel to call on you in your office so that you could make the correction or could the thing be done by mailing the papers to you? I could indicate in pencil on the form the actual facts if you wish to have me do so. I should very greatly appreciate your assistance in getting this document properly made out.

Dr. Gödel's form is No. 3510 and Mrs. Gödel's is 3509. On the side of the forms appear the numbers 501162 and 501161. These papers were made out on the 12th of December, 1940, and refer to a certificates from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization numbered 3-200290 and 3-200291. I trust these references will enable you to find the papers.

Yours sincerely,

FA/MCE

MEMO
FROM THE OFFICE OF
BENJAMIN F. HAVENS
CLERK UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
TRENTON, N. J.

March 27th, 1942.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter, and in reply thereto I would state that , as Mr. Godel is a naturalized Austrian citizen and Mrs. Godel an Austrian Citizen through birth, their nationality, as far as the declaration of intention is concerned, will have to remain German due to the fact that this Country recognized Germany's conquest of Austria/^{thereby}making it a part of the German Reich. This is borne out by the issuance of a German passport.

However, when Mr. and Mrs. Godel file their petitions for citizenship, this status will be changed in accordance with the modified rule regarding Austrians.

For more definite information, I would suggest that you contact the Ass't District Director of Immigration & Naturalization, Room 400 Market St. Nat'l Bank Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.

Very truly yours,

Benjamin F. Havens,
Clerk,

Per *Hazel N. Zins*
Deputy.

March 21, 1942

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Yours sincerely,

FA/MCE

ADDRESS REPLY TO
"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL"
AND REFER TO
INITIALS AND NUMBER

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

~~WASHINGTON, D.C.~~

Philadelphia, Pa.

March 19, 1942

Earl G. Harrison
Pennsylvania Bldg.

Form AR-AE-113

~~1000 Pennsylvania Building, Washington, D.C.~~

Alien Registration Number:

Dr. Kurt Godel

The Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N.J.

Kurt Godel-4091237

Adele Godel-4091238

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent communication in which you express a desire to amend your original registration under the Alien Registration Act of 1940.

The procedure for such amendment or correction has not, as yet, been set up but in all probability it will be soon. Some delay may be expected because of the moving of our offices from Washington, D.C. to Philadelphia.

In the meantime your letter will be filed appropriately with your record in the Alien Registration Division and when the procedure for such amendment or correction has been adopted, you will be in position to follow up your letter.

Very truly yours,

Earl G. Harrison
EARL G. HARRISON

Special Assistant to the Attorney General

EGH/jt

FOR DEFENSE



BUY
UNITED
STATES
SAVINGS
BONDS
AND STAMPS

March 12, 1942

Earl G. Harrison, Esq.
Department of Justice
615 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Alien Registration Number:
Kurt Friedrich Gödel 4091237
Adele Thasnelda Gödel 4091238

My dear Mr. Harrison:

My wife and I, through a misunderstanding of the regulations, registered as German citizens in the first alien registration and we wished now to take the necessary steps to have this registration corrected.

I was born in 1906 in Brun, Moravia. In 1918 I became a Czechoslovakian citizen. In 1928 I was naturalized in Austria. When Hitler came into power I was deprived of the right of lecturing in the University of Vienna, where I had been a Privatdozent. In 1933 and again in 1935 I came to this country on an Austrian passport, as your records will doubtless show. When I applied for an extension of my passport, only a German passport was available. I have never taken an oath of allegiance to Germany.

My wife was born in Vienna and has been an Austrian citizen ever since. When she applied for a passport in 1939, only a German passport was available. She has never taken an oath of allegiance to Germany.

Since we came to this country on German passports and were under the impression that Austrian citizenship was no longer recognized in this country, and were not advised to the contrary when we questioned the officials on this point, we felt that we had no choice but to register as Germans.

Because of this registration it was necessary for us to register again in the recent registration of enemy aliens. In this second registration we registered as Austrians, and we are eager now to do whatever is necessary to have our first registration changed to Austrian.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Kurt Gödel

May 4, 1942

Honorable Charles M. Phillips
United States Attorney
Post Office Building
Trenton, New Jersey

My dear Sir:

I return herewith the travel permit issued to me on January 30th and should be most grateful if you would grant me a renewal of this permit, for I find it necessary to go to New York from time to time for shopping and similar purposes in addition to visiting my physician.

As I have a friend in a New York hospital who has recently had an operation and whom I should like to visit at the earliest possible date, I should deeply appreciate it if I might receive permission by return mail.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs. Kurt Gödel)

May 4, 1942

Honorable Charles M. Phillips
United States Attorney
Post Office Building
Trenton, New Jersey

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Very truly yours,

(Dr. Kurt Gödel)

February 13, 1942

Mr. Earl G. Harrison
Special Assistant to the Attorney General
615 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

My wife and I are not quite clear as to whether we are required to apply at this time for Certificates of Identification. The facts in our cases are as follows: I was born in Austria-Hungary, became a Czechoslovakian citizen in 1918, and was naturalized in Austria in 1928. My wife was born in Austria and has been an Austrian citizen since. We have never taken an oath of allegiance to any other country than Austria. We believe, however (although we are not absolutely sure), that we registered as German citizens under the Alien Registration of 1940, because our passports are German and on certain occasions we were instructed to register as Germans. We have both applied for United States citizenship. I have inquired at the local post office and have been told that the records of the 1940 registration have been forwarded to Washington and that I should write to you.

We should be most grateful to you if you would be so good as to tell us whether it will be necessary for us to make application at this time for Certificates of Identification, and whether you consider us as Austrians with respect to the traveling regulations.

Very truly yours,

Kurt Friedrich Gödel

Kurt Friedrich Gödel - Alien Registration No. 4091237
Adele Thusnelda Gödel " " " 4091238

January 29, 1942

Honorable Charles M. Phillips
United States Attorney
Post Office Building
Trenton, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Phillips:

I am afraid I must trouble you again on behalf
of two of our members.

Dr. and Mrs. Kurt Gödel made application some
weeks ago for permission to go to New York to see their
doctor. The completed form was mailed to you approximately
one week ago and they have been hoping each day to receive
a letter of permission from you, for Mrs. Gödel is in rather
urgent need of seeing her doctor. If you could grant them
this permission promptly it would be a great relief to them
and would be very much appreciated.

I should like also to ask if you could give
attention to the application of Dr. Felix Gilbert, who has
asked for permission to go to Boston next week for a meeting
of the World Peace Foundation. He is getting anxious because
he has not received this permission from you.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Dr. Frank Aydelotte

January 8, 1942

Honorable Charles M. Phillips
United States Attorney
Post Office Building
Trenton, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

My wife has been for some time in the care of Dr. Max Gruenthal, 32 West 82nd Street, New York City, and would like to make a visit to him during the coming week if we can get your permission to travel to New York. It may be necessary for her to make additional trips in the near future and it would be a great convenience if your permission could cover any later visits that may be necessary. I always accompany my wife on these trips and would greatly appreciate it if you could grant me permission for this travel. We always go by train and return during the same day on which we go.

My alien registration number is 4091237 and that of my wife, Adele Gödel, is 4091238. We are both Austrian citizens, but are becoming American citizens. We received our first papers on December 12, 1940.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Kurt Gödel

December 19, 1941

Name: Kurt Gödel

Position: Member of Institute

Monthly Salary: \$333.34

Citizenship: Former Austrian

Date of entry into United States: March 4, 1940

Kind of visa or permit: Non-quota immigration visa

Naturalization status: Took out first papers December 12, 1940

Domicile since June 17, 1940: United States. Has not been out of the
country since arrival.

Boon - April 28, 1906 - Pirinen, Czechoslovakia

Univ of Vienna - Venia legendu 1935-38

Privat Dozent April 1938 under

Went DAE 1933-4 - Fall term 1935-6

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Spring term 1939-40

U of Notre Dame Spring term 1938-9

Enter U.S. - Non quote Immigrant visa Mar 4, 1940
at S. F.

1st paper 12/12/40

From Mentis DAE from 7/1/46

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALLED FOR BY GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES

1. Please give a list of countries in which you have resided since April 10, 1940, giving dates in each case. Indicate also any changes that may have taken place during that time in your citizenship.

only U.S.A

2. Please list the country or countries in which you have been domiciled since April 10, 1940. ("Domicile" as distinct from "residence" means the place which you have adopted as your permanent home.)

only U.S.A.

3. If you have been domiciled in the United States since April 10, 1940, but have visited some other country or countries, please give name of the countries, length of visit, and reason for same.

Have visited no other countries

4. If you have first citizenship papers, please give the date on which they were issued and the number shown on the papers. (This question applies only to those who failed to give this information on the form recently filled out.)

Date December 12, 1941

Full name KURT GÖDEL

Alien Registration No. 409 1237

Date and place of birth April 28, 1906

Brünn, Czechoslovakia

Married ~~XXXXXXXX~~

Name of wife ~~XXXXXXXX~~

Adele Gödel

Citizenship Austrian German

Name and age of dependent children and registration numbers None

Under what kind of visa did you enter the United States? Non-quota Immigration

What kind of visa do you hold now?

" " "

Visa No. 57

Place and date of issue Vienna, Germany, Jan. 8, 1940

When does visa expire? No expiration

When and where did you enter the United States? March 4, 1940, San Francisco, Calif.

When does entry permit expire? No expiration

Statement of relevant facts, including plans for citizenship

1st U.S.A. Naturalization papers obtained Dec. 12, 1940, at Trenton, N.J., No. 3510

Princeton home address 3 Chambers Terrace

Telephone 2433-W

Permanent address

Same

If automobile owner, give (1) automobile license number
(2) driver's license number

College or university, degrees, year conferred University of Vienna Ph.D. 1930

Honors and societies - American Mathematical Society

Positions you have held, giving dates, or are holding (including any graduate scholarships and fellowships)

University of Vienna - Venia legendi 1933 - 1938

Institute for Advanced Study - Member 1933-4; fall term 1935-6; fall term 1938-9
spring term 1939-40; 1940-

University of Notre Dame - spring term 1938-9

Voluntary statement of any other facts which may be of possible use to the United States government.

I was deprived of my position (as a Privatdozent in Vienna) by the Hitler government in ~~the~~ April 1938.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

JANUARY 5 -, 1940

In reply refer to
VD 811.111 Gödel, Kurt

My dear Dr. Aydelotte:

I refer to your telegram of January 3, 1940 and previous correspondence concerning the immigration case of Professor Kurt Gödel.

The particulars given in your telegram regarding Professor Gödel's appointment to The Institute for Advanced Study appear to confirm information which, from previous correspondence, it is understood has heretofore been submitted to the American consular officer at Vienna, Germany. Since Professor Gödel's application for visa was approved upon preliminary examination and he has had an invitation from the consular officer to file his formal application since September 1, 1939, there appears to be no reason why he should anticipate difficulty

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Director, The Institute for

Advanced Study,

Princeton, New Jersey.

difficulty in obtaining final consideration of his case now that he has apparently obtained permission to leave Germany.

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However, in the event some difficulty should arise after Professor Gödel shall have renewed his application for visa, I shall be glad to obtain a brief telegraphic report in the matter at your expense, should you so desire.

In the meantime you are assured that the consular officer at Vienna will accord Professor Gödel every consideration consistent with the immigration laws.

Sincerely yours,

Eliot B. Coulter
Eliot B. Coulter
Acting Chief, Visa Division

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

January 3, 1940 19

To Mr. Eliot B. Coulter
 Acting Chief, Visa Division
 Street and No. Department of State
 Place Washington, D. C.

Referring to our correspondence VD 811.111

Godel Kurt stop Godel appointed to Institute for Advanced Study remuneration
 four thousand dollars a year stop Godel obtained German permission to leave will
 apply for nonquota visa Please notify Vienna Consulate

Frank Aydelotte

(Charge Institute for Advanced Study)

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Sender's address
for reference

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Sender's telephone
number

November 27, 1959

Refer to
VD 811.111 Gödel, Kurt

Mr. Eliot B. Coulter
Visa Division
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In Dr. Aydelotte's absence I desire
to thank you for your letter of November 24
making a report on the case of Professor Kurt
Gödel. This will be brought to Dr. Aydelotte's
attention promptly upon his return.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

Secretary

ESB:MGH

Date Dec. 12, 1941

Full name Adele Gödel

Alien Registration No. 4091238

Date and place of birth November 4, 1899, Vienna, Austria

Married ~~or single~~

Name of ~~wife or~~ husband Kurt Gödel

Citizenship

Austrian German

Name and age of dependent children and registration numbers

Under what kind of visa did you enter the United States? Non-quota Immigration

What kind of visa do you hold now? " " "

Visa No. 58

Place and date of issue Vienna, Germany, Jan 8, 1940

When does visa expire? No expiration

When and where did you enter the United States? March 4, 1940, San Francisco, Calif

When does entry permit expire? No expiration

Statement of relevant facts, including plans for citizenship

1st U.S.A. Naturalization papers obtained Dec. 12, 1940, at Trenton, N.J., No. 3509

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Permanent address Same

If automobile owner, give (1) automobile license number (2) driver's license number

College or university, degrees, year conferred

Honors and societies

Positions you have held, giving dates, or are holding (including any graduate scholarships and fellowships)

Voluntary statement of any other facts which may be of possible use to the United States government.

~~Yes~~

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In reply refer to
VD 811.111 Gödel, Kurt

NOVEMBER 24, 1939

My dear Dr. Aydelotte:

Referring to my letter of November 17, 1939, a telegraphic report has been received from the American consular officer at Vienna, Germany concerning the visa application of Professor Kurt Gödel.

The report states that Professor Gödel has had an invitation to file his formal application for a visa since September 1, 1939, his case having been approved upon preliminary examination as that of an applicant apparently entitled to nonquota status as a professor under section 4 (d) of the Immigration Act of 1924. It is added, however, that up to the present Professor Gödel has not made application for the final examination of his case, stating that it is unlikely he will be able to obtain permission to leave Germany, although he apparently has not endeavored to obtain such permission.


Since Professor Gödel is not an American citizen,
the

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Princeton, New Jersey.

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the consular officer at Vienna may not intervene on his behalf with regard to any difficulty he may encounter in obtaining permission to leave Germany. You are assured, however, that he will continue to accord Professor Gödel every consideration consistent with the immigration laws.

Sincerely yours,



Eliot B. Coulter
Acting Chief, Visa Division

Vienna, Nov. 23, 1939.

Dear D^r Flexner!

I am very sorry that I have not succeeded as
far, to obtain a visa from the German authorities.
But it is still possible (though unlikely), that I
shall be able to come for the second term. Other-
wise I should be glad to come in autumn 1940,
if you can maintain your invitation until that
date.

With best regards to M^{rs} Flexner

Faithfully yours

Kurt Gödel

Refer to
VD 811.111 Gödel, Kurt

November 18, 1939

Mr. Eliot B. Coulter
Visa Division
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In Dr. Aydelotte's absence I desire to thank you for your letter of November 17 stating that you are requesting the consular officer at Vienna, Germany, to furnish a brief report by cable at our expense concerning the status of Professor Gödel's application. We appreciate very much the consideration of Professor Gödel's case.

Very truly yours,

ESTHER S. BAILEY

Secretary

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November 17, 1939

In reply refer to
VD 811.111 Godel, Kurt

My dear Dr. Aydelotte:

I refer to your letter of November 10, 1939 and previous correspondence concerning the visa application of Professor Kurt Gödel.

In pursuance of your request I am requesting the consular officer at Vienna, Germany to furnish a brief report by cable at your expense concerning the status of Professor Gödel's application. I am sure that the consular officer will carefully examine all aspects of Professor Gödel's case and will accord him every consideration consistent with the immigration laws. Upon receiving his report I shall communicate with you again.

Sincerely yours,

Eliot B. Coulter
Eliot B. Coulter
Acting Chief, Visa Division

Frank Aydelotte, LL.D., D.Litt.,
Director,
The Institute for Advanced Study,
Princeton, New Jersey.

November 10, 1939

Re: VD 811.111 Gödel, Kurt

Dear Mr. Warren:

Since I am succeeding Dr. Flexner as Director of the Institute for Advanced Study, your letter of November 4 to him, concerning Professor Kurt Gödel, has been turned over to me for reply. In answer to the two questions which you raise I am very glad to give you the following assurances:

1. In the first place, Professor Gödel's responsibilities as a member of the Institute involve the responsibility of teaching. The instruction here is on a very advanced level and is consequently less formal than in the ordinary university or graduate school. Consequently it is a little difficult to answer your question "to what extent." The real answer is that his full time is occupied with teaching and research.

2. In reply to your second question, as to whether the appointment offered him by the Institute will be renewed at the end of the period, I wish to say that we have every hope and expectation of being able to renew Professor Gödel's appointment. The matter has not yet, however, been acted upon by the Trustees, and I can only say that this is the desire of all the members of the School of Mathematics and that it has my approval.

I hope these assurances will be sufficient to enable you to instruct the Consul at Vienna to grant Professor Gödel a visa. If this could be managed by cable it would be a great convenience to the Institute inasmuch as our academic year has already begun and the delay in Professor Gödel's arrival is a great embarrassment to us.

Very sincerely yours,

FRANK AYDELOTTE

Mr. A. M. Warren
Chief, Visa Division
Department of State
Washington, D. C.
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Referred to my letter



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NOVEMBER 4-, 1939

In reply refer to
VD 811.111 Gödel, Kurt

My dear Dr. Flexner:

I refer to your letter of October 21, 1939, with enclosure, concerning the case of Professor Kurt Gödel, which has been the subject of previous correspondence.

Although the enclosure to your letter contains helpful information concerning Professor Gödel I regret that certain questions raised in my letter of October 10, 1939 appear to have been overlooked. It is particularly desired to know whether Professor Gödel will be a member of the faculty of your Institute and to what extent he will be engaged in teaching. Also, whether there is an expectation that the one year appointment offered him by the Institute will be renewed at the end of that period. It is inferred from Professor von Neumann's letter that Professor Gödel will not be a member of your
faculty


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Director, The Institute for
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Princeton, New Jersey.

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faculty and that the invitation tendered him to lecture at the Institute is of a temporary, rather than a continuing, nature.

Your advice concerning these aspects of Professor Gödel's case will be of assistance in the determination of his immigration status.

Sincerely yours,


A. M. Warren
Chief, Visa Division

October 21, 1939

VD 8111.11 Gödel, Kurt

Dear Mr. Warren:

I referred your letter of October 10, regarding Professor Gödel, to Professor von Neumann, who knows Professor Gödel very well. I am enclosing a letter in which Professor von Neumann, addressing me, answers your questions.

If you desire further information I shall be most happy to procure it for you.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Mr. A. M. Warren
Chief, Visa Division
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

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(745) Gödel

October 16, 1939

Dear Doctor Flexner:

Many thanks for showing me Mr. A. W. Warren's letter of October 10 (marked VD 811.111) concerning Professor Gödel's situation. I understand that little can be done as far as his relationship with the German military authorities is concerned, but I still hope, on the basis of the information before us, that the main difficulty is that of securing a United States visa. The information requested by Mr. Warren can be stated as follows:

1. As you know, and as I pointed out in my previous letter to you, Gödel is a mathematician of more than first rank. He is a class by himself.

2. As far as the formal requirements of the regulations go for granting a non-quota visa to a professor, the situation is as follows: Gödel has of course had considerably more than two years of teaching experience. As far as his teaching in Austria is concerned, it was interrupted before his present application, but I think that the instructions mentioned above are favorable to his case, since they state:

The applicant must establish that he has followed the vocation of professor continuously for at least two calendar years immediately prior to applying for admission into the United States, except that consideration may be given to the attendant circumstances in cases where the applicant's vocation may have been interrupted for reasons beyond his control. (The underscoring is mine.)

Gödel's teaching in Austria was terminated by his being suspended from office by the German Government after the invasion and annexation of Austria in March 1938.

3. The details of his scientific career are as follows:

- a) Ph.D. University of Vienna 1930;
- b) Habilitiert (i.e. admitted as "Privatdozent", approximately equivalent to our Assistant Professor): I have been unable to verify the date, but it was certainly no later than 1934;

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October 16, 1939

- c) Suspended from teaching: by the German Government after the annexation of Austria in March 1938
 - d) He has repeatedly worked and lectured in the United States:
 - Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N.J. - (academic year, 2 terms)
 - 1933-1934 - 2 terms
 - 1935-1936 - 1st term
 - 1938-1939 - 1st term
 - University of Notre Dame, 1938-1939, 2d term
- He is now in possession of an invitation for 1939-1940 to the Institute for Advanced Study for two terms.

Professor Gödel's stipends at the Institute for Advanced Study were, in the three instances mentioned above, \$3,000 (for two terms), \$2,000 (for one term), \$2,500 (for one term). The stipend which his present invitation carries is \$4,000 (for two terms). All these sums include travel expenses. He will probably also be invited for lectures at Notre Dame in 1939-1940. As you will see, his honoraria have steadily increased, and anybody in our group can assure you that the only reason for the lack of continuity of his appointments was his desire to return to Vienna from time to time. There can be not the slightest doubt that he will find a permanent position in this country.

4. As I pointed out previously, he was legally admitted to this country for permanent residence in 1933 or 1935, but the return permit with which he went back to Austria in 1936 lapsed before his next trip -- on a visitor's visa -- in 1938.

I think that there cannot be the slightest doubt of his being a professor in the sense of the law.

I shall be glad of course to give you any further information desired.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Abraham Flexner
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, N.J.
JvN:GB

John von Neumann

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In reply refer to
VD 811.111 Godel, Kurt

OCTOBER 10, 1939

My dear Mr. Flexner:

I refer to your letter of October 4, 1939, with enclosure, concerning the case of Professor Kurt Gödel of Vienna, Germany, who is stated to be encountering some difficulty in coming to the United States.

You will appreciate of course that if Professor Gödel's difficulty arises from some question relating to military or other matters within the jurisdiction of a foreign government, our consular officer at Vienna would be unable to intervene on his behalf since Professor Gödel is not an American citizen.

I shall be glad to request our consular officer at Vienna to furnish a report regarding any difficulty that may have arisen in connection with Professor Gödel's application for visa. Before doing so, however, and with a view to furnishing the consular officer an advisory

opinion

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Director, The Institute for
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Princeton, New Jersey.

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opinion in the matter, I shall be glad to receive more specific information from you regarding the appointment which has been offered the applicant.

It is particularly desired to know whether Professor Gödel will be a member of the faculty of your Institute and to what extent he will be engaged in teaching. Also, whether there is an expectation that the appointment which he apparently has been offered for one year will be renewed at the expiration of that period. Since it appears that Professor Gödel resided in the United States prior to 1936 and has visited this country since that time, a more detailed statement regarding the periods of such residence and his occupation during that time would be of further assistance.

I am enclosing a leaflet containing a brief discussion of the requirements pertaining to nonquota visas in the case of alien professors, which may no doubt be helpful in connection with certain questions raised in the enclosure to your letter.

Upon receiving your reply I shall communicate with our consular officer at Vienna and inform you subsequently when his report is received. You are assured that the
consular

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consular officer will accord Professor Gödel every
consideration consistent with the immigration laws.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. M. Warren", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

A. M. Warren
Chief, Visa Division

Enclosure:

VD - Professor.

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Section 4 (d) of the Immigration Act of 1924 exempts from quota restrictions an immigrant who continuously for at least two years immediately preceding the time of his application for admission into the United States has been, and who seeks to enter the United States solely for the purpose of, carrying on the vocation of professor of a college, academy, seminary, or university, and his wife, and his unmarried children under 18 years of age, if accompanying or following to join him.

Ordinarily a person applying for a nonquota visa as a "professor" will be required to show that he has actually been engaged in giving instruction to students as a member of the faculty in a recognized college, academy, seminary, or university and that this has constituted his principal occupation. Also, that the same conditions will apply with respect to the professorial position which the applicant may expect to hold in the United States.

In cases involving conditions varying from those described in the preceding paragraph, consideration may be given to all of the facts pertaining to the nature of the applicant's educational activities and the type of institution with which he has been associated in the past and with respect to these phases of his case as regards his proposed occupation in the United States, with a view to determining whether the applicant is entitled to non-quota status within the meaning of the section of the act cited above.

The applicant must establish that he has followed the vocation of professor continuously for at least two calendar years immediately prior to applying for admission into the United States, except that consideration may be given to the attendant circumstances in cases where the applicant's vocation may have been interrupted for reasons beyond his control.

A visa applicant of this category should present full

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evidence to the consul regarding his past vocation and the type of institution with which he has been associated abroad. He should also submit evidence regarding his proposed employment in the United States with the educational institution concerned and furnish full information regarding the nature of the duties involved in such engagement.

Section 4 (d) of the Immigration Act of 1924 exempts from quota restrictions an immigrant who continuously for at least two years immediately preceding the time of his application for admission into the United States has been and who seeks to enter the United States solely for the purpose of carrying on the vocation of professor of a college, seminary, or university, and his wife, and his unmarried children under 18 years of age, if accompanying or following to join him.

Ordinarily a person applying for a nonquota visa as a "professor" will be required to show that he has not only been engaged in giving instruction to students as a member of the faculty in a recognized college, seminary, or university, or university and that this has constituted his principal occupation. Also, that the same conditions will apply with respect to the professorial position which the applicant may expect to hold in the United States.

In cases involving conditions varying from those described in the preceding paragraph, consideration may be given to all of the facts pertaining to the nature of the applicant's educational activities and the type of institution with which he has been associated in the past and with respect to these phases of his case as regards his proposed occupation in the United States, with a view to determining whether the applicant is entitled to non-quota status within the meaning of the section of the act cited above.

The applicant must establish that he has followed the vocation of professor continuously for at least two calendar years immediately prior to applying for admission into the United States, except that consideration may be given to the attendant circumstances in cases where the applicant's vocation may have been interrupted for reasons beyond his control.

A visa applicant of this category should present full

VD - Professor
August, 1939.

State

October 4, 1939

Dear Mr. Warren:

I am appealing to you in the interest of a very brilliant young mathematician. I am afraid there is nothing that you can do, but at any rate I shall make the effort.

Professor Kurt Gödel of Vienna is considered the most distinguished mathematical logician in the world. We had invited him to come to Princeton this year. From communications from him it seems that he is prevented by the German military authorities from being released in order to come to America because of some difficulty made by the United States Consul General in Vienna. Is there anything that the State Department or the Consul General can do to suggest some helpful method of procedure?

I enclose the letter in which Professor von Neumann, one of our mathematicians, explains the whole situation.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

ABRAHAM FLEXNER

Mr. A. M. Warren
Chief, Visa Division
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

June 7, 1939

Dear Dr. Gödel:

I have made inquiry as I promised you,
and I find to my great regret that there is
nothing that I can do on this side of the Atlantic
either through the Department of State or the
Department of Labor.

With a l good wishes to you and
your family,

Ever sincerely,

Dr. Kurt Gödel
The Peacock Inn
20 Bayard Lane
Princeton, New Jersey

ESTHER S. BANLEY

AF:ESB

P.S. I return herewith your passport.

A.P.