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Washington, D. C.
March 3, 1939

Mr. Edward Jacobsen
222 Pioneer Trust Building
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Eddis:

We are enclosing herewith a copy of letter we have received from the American Consul regarding the cases of Gertrud and Barnat Kirschstein, which is self-explanatory.

I am sorry indeed that the report is not more favorable but there just isn't anything in the world we can do about it.

Sincerely,

Harry S. Truman

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FILE NO. 811.11 - Kirschstein, Gertrud
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL
Berlin, Germany, February 8, 1939.

The Honorable
Harry S. Truman,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

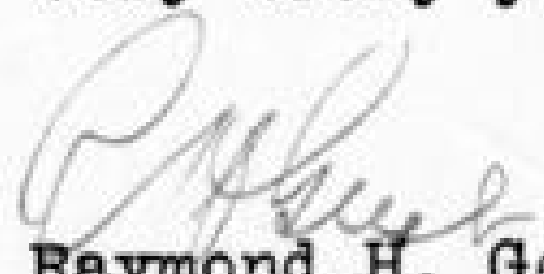
Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your communication of January 13, 1939, regarding the contemplated visa application of Gertrud and Berndt Kirschstein.

In this connection you are informed that consideration of this case has had to be deferred owing to the fact that applications previously made are now in excess of the available quota numbers for **two years** at least.

There is no way under the present immigration laws and regulations in which the issuance of a visa to an applicant may be expedited. To issue a visa to an alien out of turn with other registrants on the list is a violation of law in that such action establishes a preference class not provided for in the immigration laws and regulations.

Very truly yours,


Raymond H. Geist,
American Consul

