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Paris, January 16, 1947.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

With further reference to your cable and my air mail reply of January 13, 1947, I am glad to inform you that Mr. Sagdahl called at the Embassy on January 15 and indicated, as I had assumed, that he was desirous of proceeding to the United States with his family.

The Embassy's files do not contain any record of In response to his inquiry, he was told that the Embassy was prepared to issue an American passport in his favor as soon as he had made definite transportation arrangements for his return. Unfortunately, however, the Embassy was not in a position to comply with his request for a government loan to defray the cost of his passage and it was suggested to him that, if he could not obtain the necessary funds in this country, he might wish to seek assistance from his relatives in the United States.

Since Mr. Sagdahl's wife and child are French, it was pointed out to him that under existing law they would require immigration visas in order to accompany him. In this connection he was given the necessary forms to complete and file with the Visa Section of the Embassy.

While Mr. Sagdahl's apparent lack of funds may lead to some delay in concluding arrangements for his departure, the Embassy will be glad, as I indicated to you before, to act expeditiously as soon as he has fulfilled the necessary requirements.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
United Nations Secretariat,  
New York, N. Y.

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Paris, January 13, 1947.

Christian Sagdahl

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I have received your cable in which you ask my assistance in expediting the case of Mr. Christian Sagdahl who, I assume, is desirous of proceeding to the United States.

The Embassy's files do not contain any record of an application by Mr. Sagdahl and we are therefore without precise information concerning his intentions. However, we are getting in touch with him at once at the address given in your cable and you may be sure that I will be glad to do everything I can to ensure expeditious handling of his case.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, United Nations Secretariat, New York, N. Y.

Not mistaken, he would be exempt from service in this country were he here, since he is twenty-seven years old, is married and has a son, and to be in Paris, I am sure who is the deservant of his efforts to his country. I feel humiliated that the representatives of our people in Paris should take these measures, and I feel that it is wrong. Is there any chance that you could or would order, at my expense, a trip to the American Embassy in Paris, suggesting that such people, did as far as I am concerned, this day

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was an only child, her parents are adamant, and refused to allow her to return to America with her husband. So they stayed in France. Mr. Saqdahl was careful to retain his citizenship, in spite of the prejudices and hardships that resulted, and since he and Mrs. Saqdahl were married prior to 1922, (I believe the year is correct!) Mrs. Saqdahl became an American citizen when she was married. They lost everything with the German invasion of France, house, car, etc., were taken separately to Germany as "slave labor", and only with the end of the war returned to France, and France came to America. However they have two sons, one who is studying to become a priest, is a brilliant student and feels he must remain in France until he completes his work. The other, the younger son, is in Paris, and has been trying desperately to come to this country with his wife and child. As I understand it, Christian Saqdahl, the son, is an American citizen, according to our laws, but his permit to leave France is being held up at the American Embassy in Paris on the more or less black-mailing system of talking him into enlistment in the American Army. If he does not leave France soon, he will be called up with his class by the French government. If I am

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You have done immeasurable good for my husband's family, for which we are deeply grateful, but I find myself troubled by the particular problem of these good, obscure, and deeply worried people, who are far better citizens than I, and as result I have turned to the only possible source of influence that I know.

The boy's name and address are:

Christian Saggahl  
11 Rue de la Trémoille  
Paris 8<sup>ième</sup>

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(the difference in writing style is that my sons are finally in bed, confining their questions to dreams and oblivion!)

With thanks immeasurable from an in-law for all you did for my beloved and respected parents-by-marriage, and with apologies for troubling you further, I am

Yours very truly,  
Betty B. Finisch  
(Mrs. Harold Finisch).

P.S. Please spare no expense in cable charges, for it will be well worth anything to all of us.