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BUREAU OF
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION
Washington

IN ANSWERING REFER TO

No. 52483/7

June 23, 1909.

Wilhelm Tamm, Esq.,
Chief of Police,
Stockholm, Sweden.

Dear Sir:

I desire to make acknowledgment of your very courteous response to this Bureau's letter of March 18th, last, and to assure you that I shall be only too glad to avail myself of your cooperation should a state of facts relating to the "White Slave" traffic between this country and Sweden, arise, which would justify me in requesting your valuable assistance.

Very truly yours,

J. H. G. Harned
Acting Commissioner-General.

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IN ANSWERING REFER TO

No. 51777/197-C

March 18, 1909.

Chief of Police,
Stockholm, Sweden.

Dear Sir,-

Having been designated by the President of the United States to correspond directly with officials similarly designated by other countries, parties to the "Agreement for the Suppression of the Traffic in White Women," to which the President, on June 6, 1908, proclaimed the adherence of the Government of the United States, I have the honor to address to you this preliminary communication, with the purpose of making known the desires and intentions of the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, which is the branch of the United States Government to which is confided the enforcement of such federal laws and regulations as are directed toward the accomplishment in the United States of objects similar to those sought to be effected by this agreement.

It is the desire of this country to cooperate in every possible way with the other countries parties to the agreement, and to this end I would welcome any suggestions you may have to offer as to how cooperation to the fullest extent of the laws by which we are respectively governed may be assured.

It has occurred to me that if, in all cases of deportation to Sweden, a photograph of the prostitute or procurer to be deported were

forwarded to you, together with a short statement of facts, giving the place of birth, place of last residence, the brothels of which an inmate, in Sweden, and the persons responsible for the entry upon a life of prostitution, in case the person deported is a woman, it would enable you to keep track of the deportee and to apprise this Government in case he or she again abandons his or her home and sought to return to the United States. If it was brought out at the examination of such a woman that the procurer or person responsible for her entry upon a life of prostitution, was still in Sweden, you could be furnished with such information as would enable you to adopt proper measures against such person, with a view to his or her ultimate punishment. A plan of this kind, would, I believe, have a most beneficial effect.

With this purpose in view, I submit the following list of persons debarred from entry into this country under the Federal or National immigration laws:

- (1) Prostitutes, prior to or at the time of entry.
- (2) Women or girls coming into the United States for purposes of prostitution.
- (3) Women or girls coming in for any other immoral purpose, such as concubinage.
- (4) Persons who procure, import, or bring in prostitutes.
- (5) Persons who procure, import or bring in women or girls for the purposes of prostitution.
- (6) Persons who procure, import or bring in women or girls for any other (similar) immoral purpose.
- (7) Persons who attempt to import women or girls for the purpose of prostitution.
- (8) Persons who attempt to import prostitutes.
- (9) Persons who attempt to import women or girls for any other (similar) immoral purpose.

An alien belonging to any of the above classes may be taken into custody and deported at any time within three years subsequent to their entry, if shown to come within the terms of the statute, as may also those who are found to be inmates of a house of prostitution or who are found practicing prostitution within three years after entry. The same is also true of those who have been convicted of or admit having committed a felony or other crime or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude prior to entry. The practice of prostitution and the keeping of bawdy-houses, etc., are regarded as offenses involving moral turpitude.

Those who maintain, harbor, control, support or keep any prostitute or any woman or girl for purpose of prostitution or any other (similar) immoral purpose, are liable to fine not exceeding five thousand (\$5000) dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding five years, or both, irrespective of whether they are amenable to deportation, provided the persons whom they have harbored, kept, maintained, controlled or supported, has been in the United States less than the prescribed three years.

It is my intention to have lists made of the various procurers' clubs in this country, as soon as ascertained, and of the names and addresses of the wellknown "pimps" or "procurers." This list will be kept on file in the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization and if information is gathered as to similar clubs located in your country, it will be promptly furnished to you. If you possess information of like character regarding the names and addresses of procurers and their meeting places in your country or this, and will supply the same to me, it will doubtless be of great value.

Chief of Police,
Stockholm, Sweden.

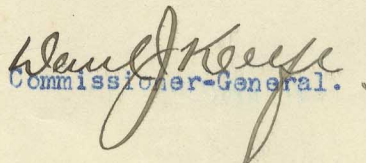
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A copy of the "Immigration Laws and Regulations," under which the White Slave Traffic is regulated and controlled in this country, is herewith inclosed for your information; also a copy of the last Annual Report covering the work of this Bureau. It would be appreciated if you would similarly forward to me a copy of the laws applicable to procurers and prostitutes in your country and under which cooperation with this Government must necessarily be obtained.

Any suggestions you may have to offer as to the most effective means and method of cooperation will be appreciated, as this Government is bent upon stamping out this evil in so far as it can be done within the confines of United States territory.

Very truly yours,


Commissioner-General.

Incl. L&R & AR

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Stockholm den 29 Maj 1909.

Commissioner - General

Department of Commerce and Labor

Bureau of immigration and naturalization

Washington

Dear Sir

Eder ärade skrifvelse af den 18 March 1909

N:o 51778/197-C med därunder följande Laws and Regulations
har jag mottagit och ber på uttrycka min stora
Tacksamhet därför.

Jag är fullständigt öfverens med Eder att sam-
arbete för the fullest extent of the laws är högt
önskvärd, men beaktar blott att min medverkan
icke kan blifva Eder till någon synnerlig nytta.
Däremot skulle den af Eder fristagna åtgärd att in all
cases of deportation to Sweden sända a photograph
of the prostitute or procurer med upplysningar till
mig vara mig till stor hjälp; och skall jag söka på
bäst sätt beagna mig af de upplysningar, jag kan
erhålla. Likaså är jag Tacksam för att erhålla de
upplysningar rörande i Sverige befintliga procurers,
som af Eder kunna komma. Att jag å min sida är
villig komma Eder de uppgifter, som komma till min
kännedom, faller af sig sjelft. För närvarande är jag
emellertid icke i stånd att komma uppgift om någon
i Sverige vistande procurer. Klubbar af procurers eller

särskilda meeting places finnas säkerligen icke
i vårt land.

Immigration or emigration laws finnas icke i
Sverige. Hvem som så önskar kan inflytta och bosätta
sig här i landet och kan endast genom Kungl. Majt:
beslut utvisas. Hvarje myndig person, som icke be-
finnet sig i vådpliktssaldern, och omyndig person
med matsumans tillstånd kan utvandra. Jag
kan därför icke hindra, att en från Amerika depor-
terad person dit återvänder, men de af Eder före-
stagna åtgärderna kunna möjligen sätta mig
i stånd att där om kunna Eder underrätta.

De lagrum, om hvilka I begär upplysning, lyd
sålunda:

Strafflagen 15 Kap. 6 §: Den, som oloftligen etc.

17 §: Den, som tager etc.

18 §: Bortförer man etc.

19 §: Brot, som i 18 § etc.

20 §: Förer någon bort etc.

22 §: Tvingar någon etc.

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18 Kap. 11 §: Frånjar någon etc.

12 §: Föräldrar etc.

Very truly yours

G. Tamm

chief of police