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Affidavit

Riess, Curt

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CURT RIESS

340 EAST 57TH STREET

NEW YORK CITY

TELEPHONE PLAZA 3-9433

November 14, 1941.

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Affidavit for Klaus Mann

It is rather difficult to give an exact estimate of my income since I am a writer and the income depends upon the sale of my books and the acceptance of my articles. After having worked exclusively for Europe during the last years, I only started applying myself to the American market in 1940. The result, therefore, was that in this first year the expenses almost equaled the income - as is the case in any new business. In view of the fact, however, that my agents have sold during the first ten months of this year \$ 6,500,00 worth of my output; in view of my contract with ESQUIRE; and in view of the fact that my royalties on my books are not yet included in the above mentioned \$ 6,500,00 the estimate of \$ 10,000,00 income for 1941 may be called conservative.

Curt Riess

Curtis Brown, Ltd.

LONDON

PARIS

NEW YORK

ALAN C. COLLINS, MANAGER

347 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK

MURRAY HILL 6-6170

CABLES: BROWNCURT

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MEMBER OF INCORPORATED SOCIETY OF AUTHORS' REPRESENTATIVES

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Visa Division

Form C

July 1941

AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT AND SPONSORSHIP ON BEHALF OF ALIEN DESIRING TO PROCEED TO THE UNITED STATES

This affidavit must be executed by an American citizen or by an alien lawfully admitted into the United States for permanent residence who wishes to act as a sponsor for the alien(s) mentioned below who desire(s) to come to the United States. It is required that each alien shall have two sponsors each of whom shall execute a separate form C in single copy.

The affidavit may cover the members of a family group proceeding together to the United States. Failure to fill in all of the spaces as clearly and fully as possible will cause needless correspondence and will delay the consideration of the case.

When all of the required information has been filled in by typewriter, the form should be subscribed and sworn to before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths.

Two letters of reference from American citizens who know the person giving this information must be attached hereto.

The statements of the sponsor regarding his financial position should be corroborated by certified copy of his latest federal income tax return and an affidavit from an officer of his bank regarding his deposits, showing the date the account was opened, the present balance, whether it was accumulated by small or lump-sum deposits, and any other information within the knowledge of the banker as to the sponsor's financial position, and an affidavit from a responsible source regarding his other assets, if any.

If the documents referred to cannot be furnished, other documentary evidence should be submitted, such as an affidavit of the sponsor's employer, showing his salary and the length and permanency of the employment, or a statement from a commercial rating concern.

STATE OF New York
COUNTY OF New York } ss.

I, Curt Riess, being duly sworn according to law depose and say as follows:

That I was born on June 21, (Month) 1902 (Year), at Wuerzburg (City, town,

Bavaria, Germany (State, county, district or province) (Country)

That at the time of my birth, my father was a national of Germany

That I am a citizen (or subject) of United States

That I was lawfully admitted into the United States for permanent residence on November 30, 1934 (Date) at

New York (Port of entry) on the S.S. Manhattan (Name of vessel or vehicle)

That I was naturalized as ~~an American citizen~~ an American citizen on December 23, 1940 (Date)

U.S. District (Court) of Court at New York (City), N.Y. (State)

That my occupation is writing (If employed, give name of employer), that during the past 5

years I have followed the occupation(s) of writing, that my

business address is ----, that my home address is

340 East 57th Street, N.Y.C., that during the past 5 years I have resided at the following

places: 118 East 40th Street (Street) New York City (City) (State)

227 East 57th Street (Street) New York City (City) (State)

340 East 57th Street (Street) New York City (City) (State)

(Street) (City) (State)

That I have never been convicted on criminal charges¹ nor are there any criminal charges¹ or civil suits pending against me before any court or tribunal except as follows:

never convicted

¹ The term "criminal charges" does not include minor charges (relating to misdemeanors) such as charges of breach of traffic laws or violation of local ordinances.

That I have never been adjudged bankrupt except as follows:

never adjudged bankrupt

That my annual income is \$ 10,000.00

That in addition to my income I have the following resources:

Cash in hand or in banks or savings institutions, \$ 1,082.65, Guaranty Trust Co NYC
personal property, \$ 1800.00 First Federal Savings and Loan Ass. Hempstead, NY
real property, \$ 2500.00 Quaker City Federal Savings and Loan Ass. Philadelphia,
(Amount) (Location)

That evidence of my income and resources is attached hereto as follows:

see attached sheet

That the following persons are dependent upon me for their sole or principal means of support:

Name	Relationship	Age
Carl Riess	father	73
Jennie Riess	mother	64

That I have previously executed affidavits or promises of support in the United States in behalf of the aliens named below:

Name	Address	Age	Sex	Nationality	Relationship, if any
Michael Riess,	533 Spoleto Dr. Santa Monica, Calif.	10,	male,	German	son
Edgar Katz	3 Rue de Saule, Marseille, France	35,	male	none	friend

That the following aliens for whom I have previously executed affidavits or promises of support have come to the United States and

(1) are self-supporting:

none

(2) are being supported by me in whole or in part:

my parents, see above

(3) have not required my support:

son Michael, reason: is being supported by his mother

That I believe in the democratic form of government of the United States under the Constitution thereof;

That I ~~have been and am now~~ an anarchist, communist, member of the Communist Party, affiliated with the Communist Party (if the answer is in the affirmative, give particulars):

That I am neither a member of nor affiliated with any organizations, group, order, association, or society, which advocates the overthrow by force and violence of the Government of the United States or of any State, municipality, or subdivision thereof, except as follows:

That I am a member of or am affiliated with the following parties, associations, societies, and other organizations, except American political parties and religious organizations:

That there are attached hereto two letters of reference from American citizens who can certify to my good standing and character.

That I wish to act as sponsor for the following alien(s) who desire(s) to come to the United States:

Name	Address	Age	Sex	Nationality	Relationship, if any
Klaus Mann	118 East 40th St. NYC	21	male	Czech	friend

That I am convinced that the visa applicant(s) named above is (are) friendly to the United States and well disposed toward the good order and happiness of its people, and that he (she) (they) is (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:

his books and other writings

I fully appreciate my responsibility in vouching for the applicant(s).

That I willingly assume the sponsorship of the aliens, visa applicants, referred to for the following reasons:

Klaus Mann has been one of my most intimate friends

That I have contributed as follows to the support of the aliens mentioned:

That I have not promised any of the aliens above mentioned any employment in the United States except as follows:

That I have not paid for the passage of the aliens mentioned above except as follows:

That I personally promise and agree that during my lifetime I will save the United States and all States, Territories, counties, towns, municipalities, and districts thereof harmless against any losses or damages which may be suffered by reason of the fact that any of the persons above mentioned during their alienage shall become a public charge in the United States.

That in order to prevent the aliens above mentioned from becoming public charges after their arrival in the United States, I shall assume the responsibility for their support and I propose to discharge such responsibility in the following manner, if it shall become necessary:

he can have room on board with me in my apartment

That I have read and verified the accuracy of the foregoing statements, which I believe to be correct, and that I hereby affix my signature and swear to this instrument without any mental reservation whatsoever.

Lurt Riess

(Signature of affiant)

[SEAL]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of Nov.

in the year 1941

Edward Beuthardt

(Notary Public or other officer administering oath)

Witnessed without objection:

Ingrid Halley Riess

(Spouse of affiant)

[SEAL]

Notary Public N. Y. Co. No. 575, Reg. No. 2-B-644
Commission Expires March 30, 1942

ATTENTION IS CALLED TO THE PENAL PROVISIONS OF SECTION 22(c) OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT OF 1924, WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

Whoever knowingly makes under oath any false statements in any application, affidavit, or other document required by the immigration laws or regulations prescribed thereunder, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$10,000, or imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both.

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Esquire
THE MAGAZINE FOR MEN
910 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE
CHICAGO

ARNOLD GINGRICH, EDITOR

Jan. 15, 1941

Mr. Curt Riess
340 E. 57th St.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Curt:

Confirming our conversations at our two conferences in New York last week, this is to record and make binding the agreement on which we finally decided.

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This all seemed so simple when we discussed it and yet I find it quite involved to put down in a concise manner. However, what it amounts to is simply this: you will receive from us, paid regularly once a month, and simply recorded in our Bookkeeping Department as "editorial advances," \$150 a month or \$1800 per year. As each piece comes in, one of these editorial advances will be checked off against it and then, upon publication, we will either owe you \$50 more for that piece or we will have paid you \$150 for a second piece by you running in the same issue. Thus you will be assured of one of the following three possibilities, on a yearly basis, as compensation for concentrating on us as a market with regular and frequent contributions: (a) \$3600 per year in the (probably unlikely) event that you buckle down and shoot in both a feature article and a sports article every month — (b) \$2400 a year if you deliver copy to us at the rate of one article or sports piece per month — (c) an annual income from Esquire of somewhere between \$2400 and \$3600, and of the three possibilities I suggest this is the one that will actually work out, as there will undoubtedly be some months when you have two articles in a given issue, paid at the rate of \$150 each, while other months there will be only one and that will get the \$200 rate.

Reading this over, it becomes painfully apparent that in spite of all my big sales talk this hardly amounts to a "get rich quick scheme" and you will hardly be in a position to retire after a couple of years of it, but, on the other hand, I think it does represent an income that is not to be sneezed at and serves, at least to some extent, to replace your Paris Soir salary.

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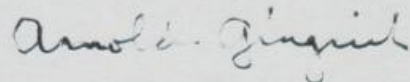
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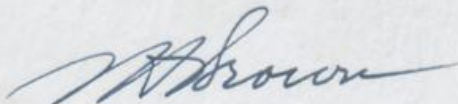
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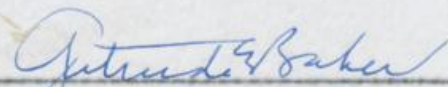
Very truly yours,



S. H. Brown
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Signed and sworn to before me this
8th day of August, 1941, at New York,
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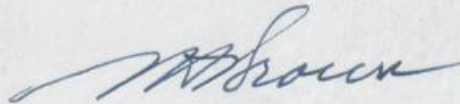
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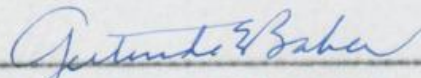
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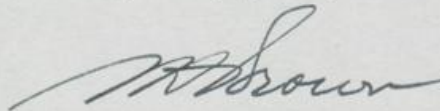
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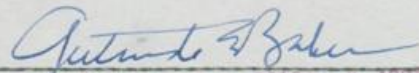
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Yours very truly,

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FIRST FEDERAL S. & L. ASSN. OF HEMPSTEAD

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This is to certify that Kurt Riess has
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Yours very truly,

Viola C. Billings
Executive Vice President.

Sworn to before me this 18th day of August, 1941.

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