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Ms. Laura Žiliajevaite,
Consulate General of Lithuania in New York
420 5th Ave # 304,
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Re: Migration Department

Dear Laura,

Attached is the notarized, Apostilled letter from me as to why my Grandfather left Lithuania, and confirming that I do not have Israeli citizenship. Also attached, are letters from my sisters confirming they do not hold Israeli citizenship.

Please forward these to Migration Department. I hope this will conclude the matter.

I understand that Migration Department may require a more expanded explanation of why my Grandfather left, should they, I will provide it. If they do require me to provide an expanded explanation, I will certainly be willing to notarize that, and have it Apostilled, and at that time, I will also publish it, therefore, I hope the attached will conclude this matter without having to take that next step.

My expanded response will be something along the following lines:

My Grandfather was born in Papile in 1902. In 1915, he and his family were brutally deported into Ukraine. My Grandfather was abducted by one foreign military after another to fight in their wars as a child soldier. By the time he returned to Lithuania, he was an adult, and was then conscripted into the Lithuanian military where he was continuously brutalized.
When his Mother and siblings attempted to return to Lithuania, they were fraudulently denied permission by the Interior Ministry and left to starve and die, which they did. This was a deliberate act by the Interior Ministry and documents exist within the Lithuanian archives to attest to this. This was extraordinary and exceptional circumstances of fraud, deceit and murder.

When my Great Grandmother and her surviving children returned to Lithuania, they were beaten and robbed by their Lithuanian neighbors. Their home was occupied by their former neighbors. Recognizing that they were surrounded by hostile ethnic Lithuanians who wanted to kill them because they were Jews, my Grandfather contemplated leaving Lithuania. Therefore, one of his reasons for leaving was that he needed to leave the country due to exceptional historical and political circumstances from arising danger to him and his family.

In 1923, the independent Lithuanian Government began to deport unregistered Lithuanian Jews. This placed him and his relatives in a hostile position, so another reason for leaving was a hostile political situation.

My Grandfather could see the murderous nature of his ethnic Lithuanian neighbors, and in order to ensure that he would be able to raise children in a safe environment, he decided to leave Lithuania, therefore, he left over reasons of saving his life. These were exceptional historical and political circumstances.

My Grandfather was correct in his assessment, because his remaining family were all murdered by local Lithuanians, not Nazis. The ethnic Lithuanian that signed the orders to ghetto his relatives was Noreika, a man made into a hero by current Lithuania, therefore, he has been shown to have left for ethnic oppression. These were exceptional historical and political circumstances.

He also viewed the dishonest conduct of the Interior Ministry towards his Mother and siblings, which caused the death of his father and other siblings, so he assumed there would be political oppression, and he was entirely correct.

It is interesting to note that the very same Interior Ministry that caused the deaths of his family is the same Interior Ministry in Lithuania that so fraudulently created reasons for claiming that he was not my Grandfather, or that there could be an invisible possible person with the same name as his – positions the Lithuanian Supreme Court called absurd. That is the same Interior Ministry that manufactured a non existent law that required his birth certificate, knowing full well that the birth certificate had been destroyed during WW1, this was the same strategy the Interior Ministry used to kill his father and siblings. This is the same Interior Ministry that designates files as belonging to Jews and requires confirmation about Israeli citizenships, also something not existing in Lithuanian law. These are exceptional historical and political circumstances where employees of the Migration Department manufacture their own laws.

My Grandfather foresaw that there would be an oppressive Government that discriminated against Jews, claiming that world humanitarian leaders testimony is "unreliable", simply because they were a Jew giving that testimony. He foresaw that there would be dishonest Ministries that would deny he had served in the Lithuanian Military because they did not want to recognize his descendants right to citizenship.

I think this brief outline offers an idea of the exceptional historical and political circumstances that forced him to leave Lithuania.

Should Migration Department desire that I place this in a notarized, Apostilled document and submit it, I most certainly shall.

With my best wishes,

Grant Gochin.