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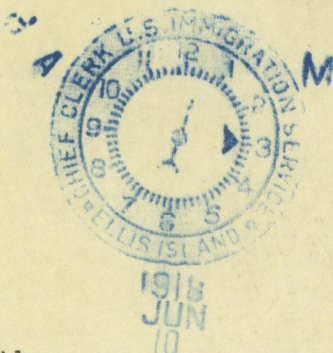
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ALIEN'S APPEAL FROM DECISION OF BOARD OF SPECIAL INQUIRY

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE



Date June 10/18

To the

Honorable Secretary of Labor

(Through official channels):

I desire to appeal from the decision
of the Board of Special Inquiry.

Her
Benouta Veissi
Mark

Ship Giuseppe Verdi

Date of arrival 5/30/18

S. I. No. 13

ADDRESS ANSWER TO
"COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION"
AND REFER TO NUMBER

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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OFFICE OF

COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION
ELLIS ISLAND, NEW YORK HARBOR, N. Y.

98738/26

APPEAL CANNOT READ.

DEPORTATION RECOMMENDED.

JUNE 12 1918
JUNE 11, 1918.

Commissioner-General of Immigration,
Washington, D. C.

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JUN 13 1918
I forward herewith appeal of Benouta Veissi, aged
28, native of Greece, ex SS "Giuseppe Verdi", May 10, 1918.
IMMIGRATION
LAW

This woman was assisted to come here by her intended husband, who is also the brother of her deceased husband. She cannot read and her exclusion, therefore, is mandatory. Attention is invited to the fact that an attempt was made to secure admission unlawfully, she having testified that the "company's agent told me to go to Canada", although she has no one in that country.

DEPORTATION RECOMMENDED.

For the Commissioner

J. A. Baker
Superintendent.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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Names of Aliens:

Veissi, Benouta 28f

Greece Hebrew
S I 13 New

II Cabin

Before a

Board of Special Inquiry

held at

Ellis Island, New York Harbor, N. Y.

This June 1, 1918, 240 p.m.,
Present: Insp. Boner (Chmn)
Burke & Dobler:

SS. G. Verdi, Ital Trans, 5/30/18
Unable to Read 4/3603
Insp. Newburn & McGovern.
Ticket and \$40 to intended husband.

TO ELLIS ISLAND June 1, 1918, 1045 a.m.
(Interpreter Talabac)

ALIEN sworn by Insp. Toner testified:

Name and age as above; travelling alone; born in Saloniki, Greece, where I always lived, where I have my sister Ester in good health; single; I can read a little (UNABLE TO READ TEST 5/3607, Hebrew) I arrived on the Giuseppe Verdi from Genoa; intended husband's brother, Samuel Veissi, who is my first cousin also, paid my passage; seamstress; never in the United States; going to intended husband and my first cousin, Morris VEISSI, 233 Burnett St., New Brunswick, N. J. Shows \$44 and a ticket to Montreal, Canada.

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A No.

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Q Is this your signature before the American Consul in Saloniki? A Yes.

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Q Has he ever been married? A No.

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Q Did you have any children? A No.

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Q But you stated the ticket was bought in Saloniki?

A Yes.

Q Did they ask you in Saloniki whether you could read?

A The American Consul asked me and I told him I could not.

Q Is there any legal reason why you could not be married to this young man? A No.

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- Q Have you steady work? A Yes.
- Q Have you any savings in the bank or elsewhere?
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- Q Have you money in the bank? A No.
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- Q Has she relatives in the United States? A No.
- Q Or in Canada? A No.
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June 14, 1918.

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BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION
LAW

In re BENOUTA VEISSI, aged 28; native of Greece.

MEMORANDUM for THE ACTING SECRETARY:

Alien was excluded as one unable to read.

The Bureau concurs in the recommendation of the port that the appeal be DISMISSED.

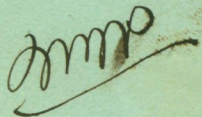
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A. C. ...
Commissioner-General.

Approved:

John W. ...
Acting Secretary.

June 20, 1918.



In re BENCUTA VEISSI.

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SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM
for THE ACTING SECRETARY:

The facts concerning this woman, subject of Greece but of the Hebrew race, are commented upon, in a brief way, in letter hereunder from the Ellis Island office. You will note that the excluding decision was affirmed by you on the 15th instant, decision having been transmitted to the port on that date. Her exclusion occurred under the illiteracy clause of the law, she being unable to read in any language or dialect.

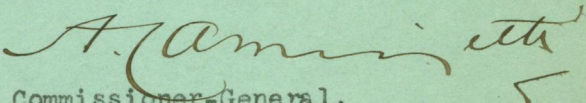
Your attention is now invited to the letter hereunder, left with the Bureau today by Attorney Gottlieb, of this city. It suggests a decidedly novel reason for overriding the immigration law, viz., to permit the woman to comply with the "Hebrew law" and enter this country for the purpose of marrying her brother-in-law. Presumably, the laws enacted by our Congress must govern in a case of this nature.

Request is also made for the temporary admission of the woman under bond, this apparently for the object of affording her an opportunity either to learn to read or to marry her brother-in-law. Of course, this request should be denied. The woman is subject to return to Greece, and her deportation should be effected as soon as accommodation for her can be made on ~~the~~ vessel of the responsible steamship line, which may be soon, or may not be for some time.

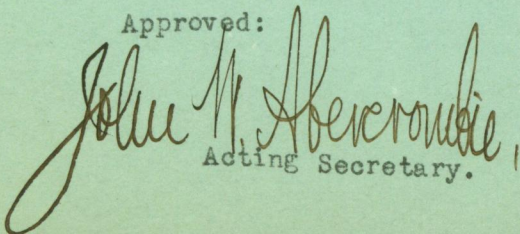
It is recommended that the previous decision be adhered to, and that the request for temporary landing under bond be denied.

Attorney Gottlieb wishes to appear before you personally for the purpose of discussing this case, and has suggested that you call him over the telephone (Main 6542) suggesting a time when you can see him.

WJP/CES


Commissioner-General.

Approved:


Acting Secretary.

U. S. Department of Labor
BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION
Washington

No. 54334/344.

June 15, 1918.

Commissioner of Immigration,

Ellis Island, N. Y. H.:

The Bureau acknowledges the receipt of your letter
11th instant 98738/26
of the , No. Benruta Veissi, transmitting record on
appeal in the case of

After carefully considering the evidence presented
in the record, the Acting Secretary has affirmed the excluding
decision of the board and directed deportation.

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EXACT COPY AS SIGNED BY A. GAMINETTI
MAILED 6/15 BY
Commissioner General.

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54334/344.

June 24, 1918.

L. Silo Gottlieb, Esq.,
945 Penn. Ave., N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your interest in the case of Benouta Veissi, I have to advise you that the Acting Secretary has again affirmed the excluding decision in the case of this alien and has denied the application for her temporary admission under bond.

The Bureau returns herewith letter written you by Mr. Louis J. Kahn in regard to this case.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner-General.

OFFICIAL COPY RESpectfully referred to the Commissioner of Immigration, Ellis Island, N. Y. H., for his information, reference being had to his No. 98738/26.

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Commissioner-General.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF
COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION
ELLIS ISLAND, NEW YORK HARBOR, N. Y.

August 7, 1918.

Commissioner-General of Immigration,
Washington, D.C.

On March 19 and again on April 8, I wrote you as to the possibility of deporting the aliens Nicolina Orlando, Bureau No. 54188/86; Giulia Pastore, 54290/39; Anna Giannola, 54290/376; Cesarina Ponteratto, 54290/551, and Giovannina Gallo, 54134/323. The first named alien is Feebleminded, the next three were Unable to Read, and the last one is a Prostitute. The SS "Giuseppe Verdi" will, we are advised, depart from New York on or about August 15, and there is no good reason known to this office why deportation should not occur at that time. To neither of my above mentioned letters has any reply been received and I shall appreciate receiving a prompt response to this communication.

In addition to those previously named there are also detained at Philadelphia the following aliens who might also be deported by the SS "Giuseppe Verdi" unless you direct to the contrary.

Benonta Veissi
Leonilda Lunardi
Giovanna Le Mastro
Maria La Bella
Eleuthrios Dimenagas
Filippo Augi
Giuseppantonio Tota
Angela Lizzio
Antonio Sauchelli
Gesualda Scello

Bureau No. 54334/344
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*For original see
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Also Maria Giovanna Sannucci, ex SS "Giuseppe Verdi", May 31, 1918, who was excluded by a Board of Special Inquiry as Unable to read. Record in her case is forwarded herewith.

If deportation is to occur we may have to attend to some of the details concerning passports, hence I trust advice will be given speedily.

Assistant Commissioner.

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Inclosure 20739.

NOTICE OF LIABILITY FOR FINE ON ACCOUNT OF BRINGING TO THE UNITED STATES AN EXCLUDABLE
ILLITERATE OR NATIVE OF ASIATIC TERRITORY FROM WHICH IMMIGRATION IS PROHIBITED

98738/26

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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OFFICE OF Commissioner of Immigration

PORT OF New York, N.Y.

June 5, 1918, 19

To Transatlantica Italiana

Owners of the Vessel "Giuseppe Verdi", May 30, 1918
(Master, agent, owner, or consignee)

No. 5 State St., New York, N. Y.

In conformity with the requirements of Rule 28 of the Immigration Regulations, you are hereby notified that it appears that the alien whose name is shown herein is excludable under the provisions of section 3 of the immigration act of February 5, 1917, because unable to read, or is excluded by the terms of said section as a native of that portion of the Continent of Asia and the islands adjacent thereto described in said section, and that these disabilities might have been detected by the exercise of reasonable precautions prior to the departure of said alien from a foreign port; hence that a fine should be imposed under the provisions of section 9 of the said act.

If you desire a hearing as to whether a fine should be imposed in this instance, you will be allowed sixty days from the date of this notice for that purpose, and the vessel on which the said alien arrived will be granted clearance papers when she is ready to sail and allowed to proceed upon her outward-bound voyage upon condition that you deposit with the collector of customs at this port, prior to her sailing, as security for the payment of the said fine, should it be imposed, the sum indicated below. **Please submit evidence in duplicate.**

Name of alien.	Amount required to be deposited.	Disability upon which fine is proposed.
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Veissi Benouta

\$200

Unable to read.

(Also ticket refund \$79.00)

AJB

Assistant Commissioner.
(Official title)

RECEIVED the above notice June 5th, 1918, at 4:45 P M.

TRANSATLANTICA ITALIANA (Time)

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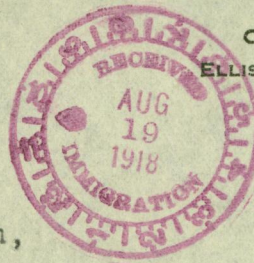
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF

COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION
ELLIS ISLAND, NEW YORK HARBOR, N. Y.

August 17, 1918.



Commissioner-General of Immigration,
Washington, D. C.

The enclosed notice of liability for a fine of \$200, together with record of Board hearing, relates to the case of Benou-ta Veissi, ex SS "Giuseppe Verdi", May 30, 1918, who could not read.

The usual time has been allowed the Transatlantica Italiana within which to show cause why a fine should not be imposed, but no evidence has been received. I therefore recommend that a fine of \$200 be imposed against them, and that they be called upon to return to the alien, through the Collector, the amount of transportation involved, \$79.00.

James H. Hall
Assistant Commissioner.

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AJB -Inc. 33905

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

IN ANSWERING REFER TO

No. 4018-1/222.



COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION
PHILADELPHIA IMMIGRATION STATION
GLOUCESTER CITY, N. J.

September 7, 1918.

Commissioner-General of Immigration,
U. S. Department of Labor,
Washington, D. C.

Referring to Bureau file No. 54334/344, in the case of Benouta Veissi, who arrived at the port of New York on May 30, 1918, and was excluded from entry as a person unable to read. I respectfully recommend that she be released on parole, under the terms of Rule 17-A for the purpose of taking up self supporting employment. Her behavior at this station, so far as we have been able to observe, has been satisfactory.

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C. E. Chenevett
Commissioner.

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October 11, 1918.

In re BENOUTA VOISSI.

SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM
FOR THE ACTING SECRETARY:

This Greek woman, aged 28, was excluded at Ellis Island in June, last, as illiterate. At last reports, she was detained at Philadelphia. A favorable report concerning her was received from Commissioner Greenawalt under date of the 7th ultimo. He recommended her parole under the terms of Rule XVII-A.

It is recommended, following the policy which is being adopted in other cases, that alien's RELEASE under the terms of Rule XVII-A be AUTHORIZED, provided the additional agreements called for in the Ponterutto and Malanga cases are executed.

*Send acc. to E. J., with in-
structions to transmit to Phila, with
copies of agreement forms, if alien
is still there.*

WJP/WCW.

St. Amos
Commissioner General.

Approved:

John H. Greenawalt
Acting Secretary.

54334/344.

November 6, 1918.

Commissioner of Immigration,
Ellis Island, N. Y. H.

Referring to your letter of August 17th, No. 98738/26, the Bureau has to state that the Department has approved a recommendation made by it that Benouta Voissi be admitted under Rule 17-A, and the additional agreement specified in the cases of Lucia Maria Malanga and Cesarina Ponterutto. If alien is still at Gloucester City, it is requested that you advise the Commissioner of Immigration at that place of the decision reached in the case and transmit a copy of the agreement forms

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Incl. 3934.

Assistant Commissioner-General.

EXACT COPY AS SIGNED BY ALFRED HAMPTON
MAILED 116 BY B

Amf

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November 8, 1918

BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION

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Commissioner-General of Immigration,
Washington, D. C.

Referring to office letter forwarded to you under date of August 17, 1918, recommending the imposition of a fine of \$200 against the Transatlantica Italiana for bringing to this port ex SS "Giuseppe Verdi", Benouta Veissi, who could not read, I beg to advise that no reply has been received. Will you please advise whether I shall direct the Collector of Customs to cover into the Treasury the \$200 on deposit on account of said fine, and return to the alien \$79.00 for transportation?

Byrne H. H. H.
Assistant Commissioner. *ase*

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ELLIS ISLAND, NEW YORK HARBOR, N. Y.

November 26, 1918.

Commissioner-General of Immigration,
Washington, D. C.

Pursuant to the instructions contained in Bureau letter of the 6th instant, No. 54334/344, and Department telegram of November 12, we have taken such steps as were possible to comply with the terms of Rule 17-A, as to the temporary landing of the alien Benouta Voussi, who arrived on the "Giuseppe Verdi", May 30, 1918, and was excluded as unable to read. The alien's signed statement and that of the sponsor named by her, Morris Veissy, are transmitted herewith.

A reference to your record will show that the sponsor is the man whom the alien intended to marry, and while it has been impressed upon him that such marriage should not occur, and he has stated that he understands that this action should not be taken, if it is consummated, I know of no action the Department can take in the matter without inflicting considerable hardship upon the persons concerned, and I doubt whether deportation could be effected legally inasmuch as she would then be the wife of a bona fide resident of the United States.

In view of this situation, which may have escaped the Bureau's notice at the time decision was rendered, I have

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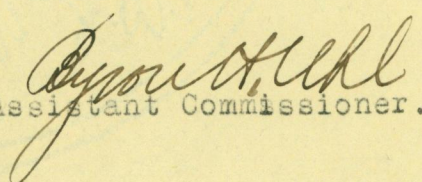
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not as yet requested the Commissioner of Immigration at Philadelphia (she is detained at the Gloucester Station) to release her, pending receipt of further instructions from you.

I have heretofore advise you that the "Dante Ali-ghieri", which is controlled by the same interests as the vessel by which this alien arrived, will sail on or about December 3.

U/O

Enclosure 14604.


Assistant Commissioner.

I, BENOUTA VOISSI, alien, native of ITALY, in consideration of my temporary admission to the United States by the Department of Labor, under Rule XVII-A of the Immigration Rules, hereby solemnly agree and promise that I will surrender myself to the immigration officials at the port of New York at the close of the war, or sooner if so directed by the Department, for deportation to the country whence I came, without expense to the government. I also agree to keep the Immigration Service advised of my place of residence.

Witness

Mrs. Ida Reichert.

Benouta Voissi
(Signature of alien)

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 16th day of

November 1918.

James A. Ettinger
Immigrant Inspector

I, MORRIS VEISSY hereby endorse the above agreement, and become sponsor for the alien therein named to see that she fulfills her promise to surrender herself to the immigration officials at the close of the war, or sooner if so directed by the Department of Labor.

Morris Veissy

54290/551

November 12, 1918.

Immigration Service,
Ellis Island, N. Y. H.

In cases Cesarina Ponterutto, Leonilda Lamardini, Maria La Bella, Giulia Pastore, Eleuthrios di Minagas, Anna Giannola, Benouta Voissi, Maria Domenica Cosmai, Passeri Angela Giani, and Maria Giovanna Zannucci, instructions for temporary admission heretofore given should be carried out if possible.

ABERGROMBIE.

Attest:

AWP/WCW.

Acting Secretary.

AWP

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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OFFICE OF
COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION
ELLIS ISLAND, NEW YORK HARBOR, N. Y.

November 9, 1918.

Commissioner-General of Immigration,
Washington, D. C.

In connection with the case of Benouta Voissi which
bears your No. 54334/344, I invite attention to my letter
of even date relative to Cesarina Ponterutto (Bureau No.
54296/551). As suggested in said letter, I recommend
that authority to deport the above named alien, by SS
"Giuseppe Verdi", be sent by wire. She is detained at
Philadelphia.

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Byron H. Lehl
Assistant Commissioner.

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December 2, 1918.

Commissioner of Immigration,
Ellis Island, N. Y. H.

1. Referring to your letters of the 25th and 26th ultimos (Nos. 98724/77 and 98738/26), the Bureau has to state that the cases of Cesarina Ponterutto and Benouta Voussi have again been discussed with the Department in the light of the two letters in question.

2. It is desired that you shall release the first named to her sponsor, Michele Sorbo; and that you shall release the second named to her sponsor, Merris Veissy.

AWP/WCW.

Commissioner General.

EXACT COPY AS SIGNED BY A. CAMINETTI.
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REPORT OF EXECUTION OF DEPARTMENT DECISION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

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IMMIGRATION Port of New York, N.Y.December 5th, 1918, 19

COMMISSIONER GENERAL OF IMMIGRATION,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In accordance with Department decision No. *54334/344
of December 3d, 1918, 19, the alien

was }
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sailing _____, 19, and the alien

Ponterutto Cesarina

was }
~~were~~ } duly admitted December 5th, 1918.

Respectfully,

(Name)

(Title)

FOR THE COMMISSIONER

Superintendent

A.L.B.

Remarks:

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*The above advice must cover but ONE CASE as originally submitted to the Department.

ADDRESS ANSWER TO
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February 27, 1919.

Commissioner-General of Immigration,
Washington, D. C.

I refer to my letters of August 17 and
November 8 last regarding proposed fine of \$200 and re-
fund of \$79 passage money in the case of Benouta Veissi,
ex SS "Giuseppe Verdi" May 30, 1918. Will you please ad-
vise me what disposition is to be made of the money now
held by the Collector of Customs as a special deposit.

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Assistant Commissioner. *asf*

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Ellis Island.

May 19, 1919.

In re ASSESSMENT OF FINE in the case of
the master of the SS "Giuseppe Verdi" for
violation of Section 9. The vessel arrived
at New York May 20, 1918.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING SECRETARY:

The alien Benouta Veissi arrived at New York May 20, 1918 on the SS "Giuseppe Verdi" and was excluded by a board of special inquiry and ordered deported as being unable to read. Section 9 of the Act provides a penalty of \$200 and the return of cost of transportation for the bringing of certain illiterate aliens to the United States. This young woman has been admitted temporarily, but in the opinion of the Bureau temporary admission is not a bar to the imposition of the fine.

The usual notice of liability for fine was served upon the owners of the vessel but they have entered no protest to the imposition of the fine.

The Bureau is satisfied a fine of \$200 has been incurred and recommends that it be covered into the Treasury as an immigration fine and that a refund of \$79 be made to the alien to cover the cost of her transportation, *such refund to occur only if and*

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when the alien is finally deported.
A. J. Amine
Acting Secretary.

Assistant Commissioner General.

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May 31, 1919.

Commissioner of Immigration,
Ellis Island, N. Y. H.

1. The Bureau acknowledges the receipt of your letter of February 27th, last, No. 98738/26, and one dated August 17, 1918, same number, transmitting papers, relating to the case of the alien Benouta Veissi, ex SS "Giuseppe Verdi", May 30, 1918.

2. As a result of the evidence presented, and after due opportunity for hearing accorded the owners of said vessel, it appears to the satisfaction of the Department that the above-named alien is illiterate, and that such disability might have been detected at the time of foreign embarkation by the exercise of reasonable precautions.

3. The Acting Secretary therefore directs that the Transatlantica Italiana, owners of the SS "Giuseppe Verdi", pay to the Collector of Customs at the port of New York, at which port the vessel arrived, the sum of \$200.00, as provided by section 9 of the Act of February 5, 1917, and that you so certify to the Collector in order that the amount now on special deposit on account of said alien, may be immediately covered into the Treasury as an immigration fine.

4. As the alien has been temporarily admitted, the Collector should be requested to retain, on special deposit, the amount deposited by the company, to cover the cost of transportation from the initial point of departure indicated in her ticket to the port of arrival - \$79 - until the Department finally disposes of the case by ordering deportation or outright admission.

For the Commissioner-General,

EXACT COPY AS SIGNED BY ALFRED HAMPTON
MAILED MAY 31 1919

Assistant Commissioner-General.

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(Copy of Bureau Memorandum)

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