

1940

October 25, Cor.251040 - The Director, Passport Office advised me that it would be necessary for his Office to consult other Government Departments. He meantime enclosed a permit application form and a passport renewal application form

November 4, Cor 41140 - The Deputy Director wrote that it would be useful if I could secure the support of some Govt. Department on the ground that my tour would be in the national interest.

November 4, - quoting reference Cor. 251040 I sent to the Passport Office Form (D) for Renewal of British Passport No. 6735.

November 7, - I wrote again, saying I would prefer that my application should be judged on its own merits.

November 15, Cor. 151140 - the Director asked for further information about my proposed lecture tour, and I replied

November 18, that I would be glad to provide any further information.

January 2, 1941, P.349159/P The Director wrote, enclosing copy of a printed memorandum summarising the present regulations regarding the grant of exit permits, and again ~~said~~ said he feared it would not be possible for them to consider my exit permit application unless some British Government Department was prepared to certify to that office that my proposed journey was in the national interest.

P.T.O.

January 30, 1941 - I advised the Passport Office that the British Council was prepared to assist me, and asked that the matter should receive attention without undue delay.

February 13 - I wrote to the Director of the Passport Office

March 5th - Having had no reply I sent a copy of my letter of February 13th

March 10 P/F/P 349159. My letter of March 5th was acknowledged.

There was no trace of the receipt of my letter of February 13th

March 11 - I wrote again

March 11, 1941 P/349159/P. The Director of the Passport Office
OHJ

wrote that ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ no letter had been received at that office from the British Council but that he was consulting the Foreign Office, as the Council might have been in touch with that ~~office~~ Department. He promised to write again as soon as a decision was reached, which he hoped would be within a week or two.

Forms were enclosed, which I filled up and returned on March 19th with a Banker's certificate, which was asked for.