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Office of U. S. Commissioner of Immigration,
New York, N. Y.

May 25, 1899.

Dear Mr. Powderly:

In further reference to my personal letter of last week, relative to the case of Juda Katz and my remarks in connection therewith, I beg to enclose herewith the minutes of the Board of Special Inquiry, dated December 24, 1898, showing the application of an alien, his pregnant wife and two children to land and the testimony presented which brought about their admission. It would manifestly have been a physical impossibility to verify the statements of the alleged brother-in-law, and the case fits in in so many ways with the statements made in my letter that I desire to lay it all before you. Vincenzo Perrone, the brother-in-law, who swore before the Board that he was a barber and owned a shop for which he paid \$425, perjured himself in so doing. The shop is owned by Frank Vaccaro, and Perrone is employed by him. Shortly after the immigrants were landed the child Paolo was taken sick and, in the usual manner, the brother-in-law, Vincenzo Perrone, took her to the hospital and gained admission for her by claiming that he was her father and, as he had been more than a year in the United States, the hospital authorities were obliged to take the child for treatment, but she died there. The mother, who was shown to be some three and one half months pregnant on arrival, when her time to be delivered arrived, secured admission to the hospital in the same manner. Her child was born, but she died as the result. (Hospital notifica-

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tion of death enclosed.) She was buried by charity and the child is now in St. Barnabas Home as a public charge. The father has now applied to be returned to Italy, saying that he finds it impossible to maintain himself in this country.

If you will add these facts to the statements which I made in my former letter, I think you will understand my position, and am sure you will realize the difficulties under which I am and have been working.

Sincerely yours,

Hon. T. V. Powderly,
Commissioner General of Immigration,
Washington, D. C.

(Inclosure.)