WAR DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 15, 1942

Mr. Herbert Aron 143 N. Clark Drive Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Aron:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 7, 1942, requesting permission for your employment by some company or corporation engaged in defense work.

There is no general prohibition either by law or regulation of the employment of non-citizens on War Department contracts. There are however, two Acts of Congress which govern the employment of aliens on aeronautical and classified War Department contracts, namely the Acts of July 2, 1926 and June 28, 1940, a copy of which is attached.

Upon receipt of a request from any company or corporation for permission to employ you, your case will be given consideration by this office.

Very truly yours,

Thomas A. Lane
Major, C. E.

Production Branch

STATUTES WHICH GOVERN THE EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS ON GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

"Section 10 (j) of the Act of July 2, 1926, the so-called Air Corps Act (Public No. 446 - 69th Congress) provides in part 'no aliens employed by a contractor for furnishing or constructing aircraft, or aircraft parts, or aeronautical accessories for the United States shall be permitted to have access to the plans or specifications or the work under construction or to participate in the contract trials without the written consent beforehand of the Secretary of the department concerned!".

"Section 11 of the Act of June 28, 1940 (Public No. 671 - 76th Congress), provides in part 'no aliens employed by a contractor in the performance of secret, confidential, or restricted Government contracts shall be permitted to have access to the plans, or specifications, or the work under such contracts, or to participate in the contract trials, unless the written consent of the head of the Government department concerned has first been obtained, and any person who willfully violates or through negligence permits the violation of the provisions of this subsection shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both!".