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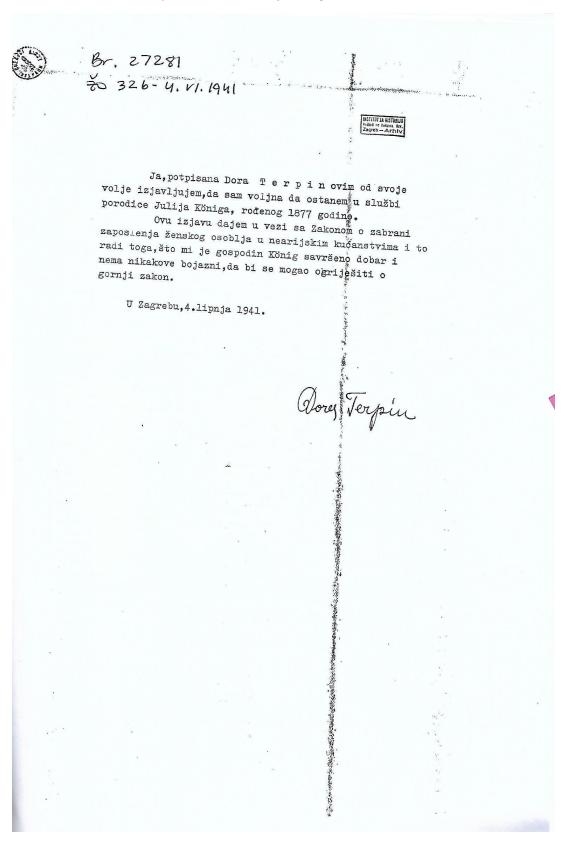
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Petitions category "Jews who were good employers to Croatian girls and women who worked in their households" sent by Croatian women to government and officials of the Independent state of Croatia of 1941-1945 to stay in Jewish households (n=3)

Document No 1 Dora Terpin on behalf of Julije König on 4 June 1941



Translation:

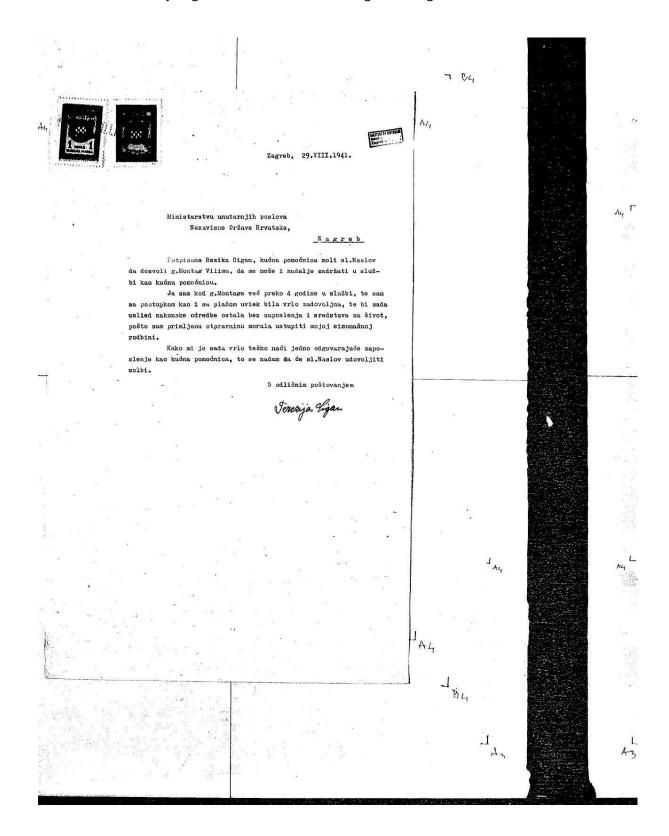
I, undersigned Dora Terpin, am hereby voluntarily declaring that I am willing to stay in the service of Julije König's (born 1877) family.

I am making this statement regarding the law by which it is prohibited to employ a female employee in a non-Aryan household, because Mr. König is a perfectly good person and I have no fear he could sin against the mentioned law.

In Zagreb, 4 June 1941

(Signature)

Document No 2 Terezija Cigan on behalf of Vilim Montag on 29 August 1941



To the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Independent State of Croatia,

<u>Zagreb</u>

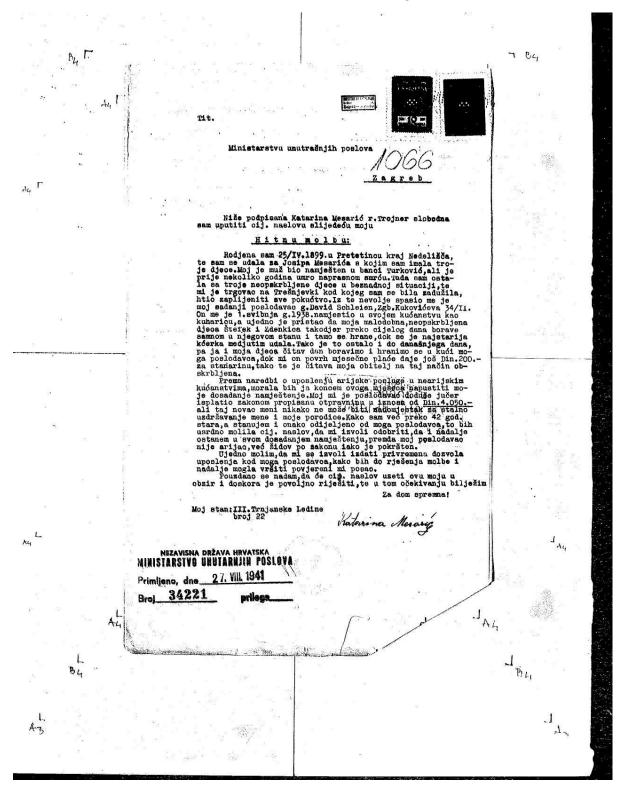
Undersigned Rezika Cigan, a housekeeper, pleads the famous title to allow Mr. Vilim Montag to keep me in my service as a housekeeper.

I have been in Mr. Montag's service for over 4 years, and I have always been content both with his treatment and the salary, but now, due to the law decree I could lose my employment and means for life, since I had to give my severance pay to my poor relatives.

Since it is very hard for me to find another employment as a housekeeper, I hope the famous title will answer positively to my petition.

With great respect,

Terezija Cigan (Signature)



Translation:

To

Ministry of Internal Affairs

Zagreb

Undersigned Katarina Mesarić born Trojner feels free to send to the esteemed title the following

Urgent petition:

I was born on 25 April 1899, in Pretetinec, close to Nedelišče, and I got married to Josip Mesarić with whom I had three children. My husband was employed in Turković Bank, but couple of years ago he died with sudden death. I remained alone with three small children in a desperate situation, and I got indebted with a trader from Trešnjavka and he tried to take away my furniture. I was saved from this trouble by my current employer Mr. David Schleien, from Zagreb, 34 Kukovićeva Street, 2nd floor. On 1 May 1938, he hired me as a cook in his household, and he also allowed to my underage children, Štefek and Zdenkica, to spend their time during the day with me in his apartment and eat there (my oldest daughter meanwhile got married). It is like that even today - all day we live and eat in the house of my employer, and he gives me not only my monthly salary, but also additional 200 Dinars to pay the rent, and this allows my family to live normally.

By the order on Aryans being employed in non-Aryan households, I would have to leave my current job by the end of this month. Yesterday my employer paid a severance pay (4050 Dinars), but this money cannot be a compensation for the permanent needs of me and my family. Since I am already over 42 years old, and I do not live together with my employer, I would like to ask the esteemed title to allow me to stay employed at this job, even though my employer is not an Aryan, but a Jew, although he was baptized.

I would also like to ask you for a temporary permit to be able to work at my employer's place, so that I could work there till my petition gets an answer.

I sure hope that the esteemed title will take my petition into consideration and resolve it positively. Till then, I am

For homeland – ready!

My apartment: N. 3, 22 Trnjanske ledine

Katarina Mesarić

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