



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
130-Jagan, Janet

SEP 27 1943

Mrs. Janet Jagan,
5734 Maryland Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Jagan:

With reference to your recent passport application you are informed that under existing regulations the Department must decline to furnish you with passport facilities to reside with your husband in British Guiana. Therefore your application has been filed. The birth document which you submitted with your application is returned herewith. The passport fee of \$9.00 which you submitted will be returned to you at the above address under separate cover. The fee of \$1.00 which you paid for the execution of your application cannot be refunded.

Sincerely yours,

R. B. Shipley

R. B. Shipley,
Chief, Passport Division

Enclosure:
Birth document.



5734 Maryland Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
23 October 1943

R. B. Shipley
Passport Division
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have applied by letter to your department for a passport to travel to British Guiana. I find it imperative that I travel there to join my husband who, at present, is a resident of that British possession.

Under a heading dated 27 September 1943, your reference 130, Jagan, Janet, the above mentioned application was refused. I do not understand why.

British Guiana is not in the immediate War Zone; there apparently is no immediate danger of its becoming a battle area. I am sure that if I were permitted to travel to that location, I would be of no burden, but rather could be considered an asset to any community in which I might reside.

I again enter my request for reconsideration. The refusal which was sent to me by your department was vague and evasive in its content. I would appreciate an immediate reply explaining why my first request was not granted. Please be explicit.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs. Cheddi Jagan)



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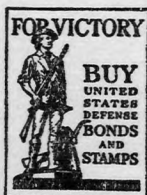
My dear Mrs. Jagan:

In reply to your letter of October 23, 1943 I regret to have to inform you that there is nothing which can be added to the statement which was contained in my letter of September 27, 1943.

Sincerely yours,

R B Shipley

R. B. Shipley,
Chief, Passport Division



EDWIN J. HEATH
1300 NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 8, 1944

Mr. C.B. Rosenberg,
17181 Wisconsin Avenue,
Detroit 21, Mich.

My dear Mr. Rosenberg:

The State Department tells me that your daughter still retains her dual citizenship.

While the citizenship is dual, as they phrase it, more properly she retains her American citizenship in America and when traveling on an American passport. In any part of the British empire that she enters with a British passport she holds only the British citizenship.

Thus she can leave British Guiana only with a British passport.

I next inquired at the British Information Service here, and they assured me the situation was just as given by the U.S. State Department.

Now she should apply to Mr. S.D. Owens, colonial secretary at Georgetown. Even if she does not plan a trip right now it might be worth while for her to see him anyhow and learn just what is the current situation which varies somewhat under war conditions. I was assured that any ban on departure there would be conditioned only on the war and that in normal times issuance of the passport would be routine.

Almost daily here at the National Press Club I meet Judge I. Hirschfield, a former judge and for many years a specialist in immigration matters. He said there is just nothing that could be done here in view of the fact that in obtaining the British passport she made herself a British subject, but under laws which the judge himself had a lot to do with enacting her American status is continued while she is here.

I do think a comforting thing for you and for her to have would be some assurance from Mr. Owens as to whether he would act promptly if and when she found it urgent to apply for the right to depart.

One thing I think we have a right to expect after the War is that United Nations will make it easier for Americans to come and go all over the world, even if married to aliens.

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