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Dear Mr Russell-Gebbett,

Thank you for your letter, again pressure of work has delayed the answer but I understand that you have been in touch with the British Vigilance Association and have probably had all your queries answered by now.

In reply to your queries, we do place Foreign girls as Mothers' Helps under "Labour Permits and " au pair " with reliable families, if the girls are prepared to remain in this country with the family for one year at least. At the present time we are unable to help the Spanish girls in this respect because we have had experiences where very good and reliable families have been unable to obtain the necessary permission from the Spanish Consulate. Of course when a Spanish girl has been able to obtain a Labour Permit after having come to this country on a Student's Passport we can help her to obtain other work if she is in an undesirable family - subject to the permission of the local Labour Exchange.

Regarding the booking of accommodation we would advise girls to make bookings before arrival - this service is undertaken by the Catholic Accommodation Bureau 24 Telford Avenue, S.W.2. for a small fee. The charges for accommodation in Hostels vary but usually range from £3. - £6 according to the type of room available.

I trust the above information will be of help to you,

Yours sincerely,

*Dorothy M. Bee*

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Dear Mr Russell - Gabbett,

Thank you for your letter of the 13th June, please accept my sincere apologies for the delay in replying.

As you realise the number of visitors from the Continent to England is very high and Hostel accommodation is very limited. I enclose a list of Catholic Hostels in the London area which might be of use to you when recommending places to Spanish girls.

Regarding work with families, the Spanish girls present a more difficult problem than other nationalities due to the fact that the Spanish Consulate very rarely gives permission for these girls to accept work under a Labour Permit and also often makes it difficult for the girls even to come " au pair ".

In the course of conversation with Spanish girls we find that a good number of them now come to this country on a Student's permit and hope that it will be renewed and that once they are in London they can change to " Au Pair " or Labour Permit.

We have heard that there are Agencies in Spain which, for a good fee, can make arrangements for girls to come to England with Labour Permits. These Agencies do not check on the families beforehand so that often the girls go to the wrong type of family altogether.

We are unable to place Spanish girls in good Catholic families through the small Bureau we have attached to our office here, due to the fact that the family cannot get a Labour Permit for a Spanish girl.

Inquiries regarding families are undertaken by the British Vigilance Association, 17a Kings Road, Chelsea, S.W.3 and by our Society.

I hope that the above information will be of some help to you.

Yours sincerely,

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Catholic Hostels in the London Area.

- St. Gabriel's 8-9 Pembridge Square, London, W.2.  
Rosary House, 317a Portobello Road, London, W.10  
Convent Virgo Fidelis, 189, Old Brompton Road, London, S.W.5.  
St. Philomena's, 70-71 Euston Square, London, N.W.1.  
St. Mary's House, 35, Beulah Hill, Upper Norwood, London, S.E.19.  
The Convent, 16, Southwell Gardens, London, S.W.7.  
St. Theresa's, 111, Gower Street, London, W.C.1.  
St. Louise's Hostel, 33, Medway Street, Victoria, London, S.W.1.  
St. Christopher's, 7 Darlaston Rd., Wimbledon, London, S.W.19.

For Paying Guest accommodation - apply to Miss A.K. Anderson,  
Christopher Student Centre, 6 White Rock Gardens, Hastings, Sussex.