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D.D.A.S.S.
[Departmental Offices for Health and
Social Services]
Mothers and Children
April 17, 1973
Colmar – Haut-Rhin

In re: MOUSSAOUI Family
33, rue Jean Martin
Mulhouse

Your Honor,

The Moussaouis were divorced by a decree issued on 6/28/1971, the father being the sole guilty party, and the custody of the children was given to the mother.

After a separation of one year (May 1971 to July 1972), although divorced, the Moussaouis starting living together again in July 1972. The children had been placed in a children's home by the mother, and were returned to them in September 1972.

Mr. Moussaoui is self-employed, working as a tiler.

After several months of getting along well, the family's situation got progressively worse (starting in December 1972) until the Moussaouis separated again.

Finally on March 20, 1973, Mrs. Moussaoui informed us of her worsening family situation. She stated that Mr. Moussaoui beat her and beat the children. He gave her no money for housekeeping. There were a lot of unpaid bills. Mr. Moussaoui was still self-employed, as he could barely read French, did not know how to write it, and did not understand most of the mail sent to him (employer's contributions to the C.A.F.[Family Benefit Agency], C.P.S.S.,[School Support Board] taxes, etc.).

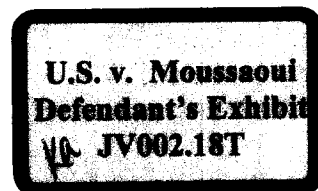
In March 1973, they were having more and more arguments, and Mrs. Moussaoui took a job as a worker at D.M.C. (6 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.) to take care of her children's needs.

Since March 20, we have had frequent contact with the family. From the documents shown to us by Mrs. Moussaoui, we have seen that the family has some big debts (about 2.5 million francs of A.B. [unknown abb.] (unpaid rent in Bayonne – house repairs in Bayonne – C.A.F. and C.P.S.S. contributions – purchase of a television set for 5,000 – furniture – purchase of a car – telephone bills – taxes, etc.)

We have learned of many instances of negligence on the part of Mr. Moussaoui – registered letters not collected, in spite of numerous warnings – notices of default not followed up. It would seem that most of the letters delivered are left unattended to.

The children, who are well brought up and behaved, seem to be exasperated by their father.

Recently, Mr. Moussaoui has returned home at 3 or 4 a.m. on several occasions.



Mrs. Moussaoui decided to finally leave her husband. She got shelter with the four children at the Women's Assistance Center, 5 rue de Millelwihr, on April 11, 1973.

She would like to find somewhere to live, furnished or unfurnished, after the end of the Easter school vacation, so she does not have to change the children's school too often.

If this is not possible, as she is only allowed to stay at the Assistance Center for one month, she requests [illeg.] placement for her children, while she is waiting to get an apartment.

Mulhouse, April 12, 1973

H.J. Burckard
Social Welfare Officer