

Düsseldorf, the 20<sup>th</sup> February 1939

My dear Charles!

Finally I have got the address of you and will write at once. I think you will be informed by your mother about our most things. Yesterday we have had a very happy day because we received the affidavit for my parents. I suppose you have done your best too and I am thanking you and your family heartily. Now we have to wait till our number will be called up by the American Consulat in Stuttgart and that will take one or one and a half year. I am trying to emigrate for my waiting-time to England because one cannot stand all the things here. Have you or one of your friends any acquaintances in England? Please if yes do me the favour and let me know the addresses. The only possibility to emigrate there is to have a job as a house-maid and then the Home Office will give the permission to come and to work. I think you know all our trouble here by the news-papers and I need not tell anything.

Now I am interested in your personal things. Dear aunt Helen wrote me you have a fine place in the treasury department. I can imagine that you are very <sup>that</sup> busy and this work is very satisfying. What about your wife and your little baby? I hope you are all in best health. What is your wife doing during the day-time? Is she running the household



I have been in my father's business 15 years long but now we are not allowed to have any business. I have had a good luck and got a place in a lawyer's office. There are only 3 lawyers who have the allowance to work. I am there 8 hours during the day and in my evening hours I am giving English lessons especially to Jewish boys. I have much to do but I am very happy with my work and think it is the best to get over this terrible time. Have you any idea or advice how to arrange our emigration question? By the way have you in connection to the Government? I am supposing Washington as the seat of the Government is the first town to experience the newest things. We all are expecting <sup>that</sup> the new conditions concerning the Jewish emigration will be published very soon.

You all cannot imagine how desparat the Jews are to my English very funny? I am able to read English books and news-papers and I understand every word at any case always the same. I am studying the English language every free minute and have learned this winter English shorthand and have know typewriting.

Please let me have a soon answer.  
I should be glad to receive a letter from  
your wife too.

With many greets and much love to you all,

I remain  
yours cousin

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