

Bruxelles, 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1938

Dear Sir,

Learning your address from my cousin Jakob Hermann, Wien, XI, Oberleitengasse 5, I take the liberty to ask you for a great favour. My father Nachman Hermann is a brother of Berl Hermann. I am sorry to say that my father and mother has been dead for many years, and we are four children. My sister Nusia is married in Roumania, my eldest brother Jakob has been deported from Germany to Poland, as he is a Polish citizen and the other brother Max is artist and lives in London at the moment, but without any work.

I am born on 11<sup>th</sup> February 1916 in Vienna and lived there until the end of Novembre of this year.

On account of the terrible situation of the jews in Germany and Austria, I was forced to leave this country. As I could not get any visa for any country, I had to pass the frontier to Belgium illegally.

Having no chance to stay and also no work here, I am obliged to ask you if you would be able to help me out of this terrible situation and if you would be so kind to send me papers that I should be able to get a visa for America, as I am already on the list.

I hope that I am not troubling you to much and you will do me this great favour by sending me

the papers, because, as you know, my all future depends  
on ~~them~~ it. I am more than certain that you will have  
no trouble at all when I shall be in America.

As you see, I am still very young and I wouldn't  
know where to go. I hope you will excuse my letter  
but I don't know what to do in this terrible time.

All the best wishes to you and your dear  
family, I remain, Dear Sir,

Yours sincerely  
Siegfried Hermann

My particulars of personality are:

Siegfried Hermann, born on 11/2. 1916 in  
Vienna, profession was: employee in a forward  
agency. I speak <sup>and write</sup> three languages: German, English  
and French and know the book-keeping <sup>and</sup> other  
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