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Dear Emmett:

I've answered all of your questions about Alice Kober that I could on the accompanying sheet, but that's very few. I've looked up the obituary of her that I wrote for Language (26.442-3), but it doesn't help. (I suppose you've seen it. I presume I must have reprints of it somewhere, but I haven't found them. Would you like one?)

I think only her mother (if still alive) or her brother could give you the help you need. Her brother lived outside of New York, I believe in Buffalo; and Mrs. Kober left New York to go and live with him after Alice's death. I understand he was interested in mathematics, and was engaged in electronics; might that help locate him?

I called up Brooklyn College yesterday afternoon, and spoke to four different offices, including that of the Classics Department; but none of them had a record of the place her mother moved to. In the office of the Dean of Students, Dean Stapleton provided the names of two staff members (both of whom I happen to know personally) as having been her special friends. These were Jeanette Eilenberg, 330 W. 72 St., New York 23, of the German Department, and Ruth Meyer, 235 W. 71 St., New York 23, of the Romance Language Department. I got Miss Eilenberg on the phone, and we had quite a talk about Alice, but she didn't know Mrs. Kober's address. She suggested that I might get help from a member of the Classics Department, Catherine Gatchell, 3115 Avenue I, Brooklyn 10; she was not an intimate friend of Alice's, but she lived next-door to her. I tried to get her on the phone, but she didn't answer; quite possibly she is out of town. I don't know whether it would be worth while for you to write to her. On the whole, I think Ruth Meyer is the most hopeful person, but she has gone to France. However, she is expected back in August, and I think I'll surely see her at the Phi Beta Kappa Triennial Council in Salt Lake City on August 29-30. For the time being I'm afraid I can't suggest anything else.

Yours cordially,

Adelaide

E. Adelaide Hahn.

*P.S. (later.) After my secy. typed the above for me, I looked up Alice in the Registrar's Office. She gave her religion as Catholic (in those days students were asked their religion). Her father was a weaver. His name was Franz Kober. Her mother was Katharine Gruber Kober. They were both born in Hungary. That's all I found.*

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