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Dear Mr. Cohen:

In June you wrote to my father that you would be willing to sign an affidavit for my brother-in-law and his family. As I wrote you at that time, we then felt that the matter was not so very urgent at the moment and we decided to wait. My parents returned to Germany with the intention to let the younger generation emigrate first and follow them later. Now, after the shocking events that took place in Germany we realize what a grave mistake that was. Had we known what would happen my parents would never have returned. However, that cannot be helped now. The only thing we can do is to try to bring all of them over as soon as possible and help them to escape from the constant danger that threatens their lives. One affidavit of a distant relative in New York is already on its way. Two other affidavits I got from friends here in Corning, and I hope to get a few more. The more affidavits my folks can show to the consul the easier it will be to obtain the visa. I therefore ask you now to be kind enough to sign your affidavit, too. As Mrs. Hamburger will confirm, no risk is involved in it as there will be sufficient means at the disposal of my folks to support them after they have entered this country. Furthermore, your affidavit will be just one among four or five others. Finally, I myself would never allow my nearest relatives to become dependent in any way. In August I have moved from New York to Corning and opened an office here. During this time my practice has been constantly growing, according to my expectations.

It will take a long time anyway to get them out, due to the quota limitations.

The affidavit will have to be made out in triplicate. Forms are obtainable in any travelling bureau or at Jewish organizations. As my supply is exhausted at present I am enclosing only as a sample one of the most widely used forms on which you may see all the evidence required to corroborate your statements. The forms have to be notarized. In an accompanying letter to the U.S. Consul General in Berlin you can state that it is your desire to help them because they are very close friends of your sister.

The names and dates are as follows:

Leo Schaefer, born 5-15-1866 in Loslau, Poland,

Ida Schaefer, born 11-29-1872 in Buk, Poland,

Bruno Danziger, born 7-15-1886 in Breslau, Germany,

Margarete Danziger, born 10-29-1894 in Loslau, Poland,

Hans Helmut Danziger, born 6-24-1932 in Breslau, Germany and

Kaete Danziger, born 10-17-1936 in Breslau, Germany.

When you have completed the affidavit, kindly mail it to me. It goes without saying that I will refund you all expenses you may have in connection with it.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness,

I am,

Sincerely yours,

Walter J. ...