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Dear attorney Epstein!

I would like to ask you for forgiveness in advance because of my nervous tone, but I am just done with the interrogation in the community [Jewish Community – U.M.] I am so angry with what I heard that I need to tell you about it. What they accused my husband of is an unbelievable defamation and a lie. None of the accusations are true. I felt like I was in a cage because I was so far from Munich and I couldn't wait for the moment when I could look into the faces of these officials. Also, how is it possible to respond to such false accusations? What's the benefit if my husband has to ask to make sure they listened to him? What is happening with the malicious attitude of the "judge" who denied us? (...) Is the defendant unwilling to testify or is he afraid that the defendant will be plotting with the witnesses? What was the "judge" thinking when he said in front of us to you, "please leave it up to us"? Why is his attitude towards us so negative? He also denied us a personal testimony. We had two witnesses willing to come forward. The Hochmans, father and son, who were in Rakow with us, received a call to appear in Munich and testify in person. Hochman's son told me that he had agreed to come to Munich if the Court would provide him with money to cover the cost of the trip. He had already given a statement at the local Jewish Community and the statement had been sent to Munich. The Hochmans have nothing bad to say about us. They believe that Mrs. Goldstein (prosecutor) wanted to call them. They come from the same city.

By the way, nothing will convince me anymore if something like that could happen. Now I have a better picture of the so called: "Jewish sorrows". My husband is innocent and it is the truth that needs to be revealed, even though it is surrounded by the dirtiest of lies. I was with my husband and that is why I have the right to speak about this. I know about most of what he was doing and I know how clean his hands and conscience are. (...).

We constantly corresponded with each other [with Dr. Opatowski] and also with his brother, who is now in Africa. We didn't respond to the last letters that were sent to us because this case had taken our all of our time and effort. With regard to Dr. Opatowski's accusations as to why we did not answer, I wrote to him and told him that lately we have been experiencing troubles caused by the prosecutor, Mrs. Goldstein. I emphasized that Dr. Opatowski was in Rakow from the very first day. Please read the part of the letter that I have attached. Such an attitude from these people is dangerous to my husband's case. How can my husband prove with written evidence that he did not take any money or valuables, and that he also did not sell these things from the storage on the outside of camp – as one of the accusations states? It is frightening that this sort of defamation and lies are tolerated instead of being dismissed.

Please don't hold anything against me because of this letter, please understand my reaction.

Best regards and please write back to us,

Sincerely,

Maria Gliksman

P.S. Please save Dr. Opatowski's letter.