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Dear Madam,

You will no doubt be surprised to received this letter. I should be very grateful for the address of your brother who is a nephew of my deceased grandfather Jac. Steilberger in Wiesbaden. Your mother Hannchen was a sister of my grandfather and therefore through my mother who is born Steilberger I am a distant relation.

This declarations of our relationship has the following explanation. You will certainly remember your journay 1931 to Germany and also my mother Mrs. Frieda Schleyer and her uncle Mr. Jac. Steilberger in Wiesbaden whom you to visited. Also I and my sister Toni had the great pleasure to make your acquaintance in Düsseldorf. Since them so much is altered that many families have emmigrated including ours. My two sisters Toni and Erika are now in South - Africa and are doing well. Also my oldest brother who I donot think you knew is living in Brazilia for two years. My mother travel at the beginning of March to my sisters in Johannesburg. Therefore I am the only one left here. as it is very difficult for me to emigrate to the before mentioned lands.

I am 28 years of age and have worked for the last 5 years in the fancy leather branch. I have learned inner-decoration and hae a thorough knowledge of wall-paper, linoleum etc. My greatest wish is to go to the United States and as your last american relation left here I beg of you to help me. Is ist possible in any way to obtain an affidavit so I can come to America. As far as I can find out there is still an aunt of your father Mrs. Franks in Chicago and this lady visited already of few years ago my relation Knopf in Freiburg and also Meyer in Switzerland. It would be extreamly kind of you if possible to let have Mrs. Franks address..

You understand through the great difficulties here at present it is my only wish to come to U.S.A. I am locking forward with eagerness to a favourable answers to this letter and hppe with all my heart that you will gorgive me for troubling you. I am enclosing a small photo of myself. With best regards to yourself and my relations, I am.

Yours sincerely