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My dear good friends;

Both your letters I received today and I am happy and most grateful that you concern yourself about me. I al ready foresaw difficulties and am not estonished about it. I know of many cases who had to wait years before they fot their entry permission. I hope that due to the new law it will be easier. as a matter of fact they promise here that the new law transports to the U.S.A. will leave at the end of September. Would it be possible that I would already be one of those? ! I would like so much to get to you soon. Besides life becomes harder here every day. We are hungry in the true sense of the word. As to clothing, I have still enough. A short time ago Sina Fosdick sent me a big parcel with clothing and shoes and I also received a package of clothing from acquaintances in Brazil and also my own things arrived here safely. I had left them with some friends who are in the Russian Zone. Beside gloves, stockings and some underclothing I have enough.

You wanted to know the following about me: My full name is: Marta Alise Sturans, am born on March 24th. 1900 in Sauren, Kreis Jakobstadt, Latvia. I am not married and have no children. I have a Latvian passport issued at the prefecture on the 5th of October 1931 in Riga with the H. 306642 a and a United Nations Displaced Person Refugee Identity Card N.779798 for residents of IRO Assembly Center. Height 163 Cm. Weight 60 kilogram Hair: gray, Eyes: brown Nationality: Latvian, Identifying marks: none My father was born December 7th. 1854 died in 1932. My Mother was born October 17th 1874 living in Sanka, Latvia. My brothers and sisters live in Fischbach and were all born in Latvia.

I was born as the daughter of a landowner and large farmer and visited the public school of the village. When I was 14 years old I went to Gymnasium in Jakobstadt. At that time was the first World War and we had to flee and I went to the Gymnasium in Marienburg. When we returned homw we found our house devastated and we had all to work very hard in order to build up everything. That is the reason why I discontinued my studies. Only in 1921 I finished the Gymnasium in Riga. After that I became a student in Philosophy at the University of Riga and studied until 1927. My parents got into difficulties of money and I went to look for work. I worked at the prefecture in Riga. In 1937 I became a secretary of the Latvian Consul in Triest, Italy where I worked until October 1940. The Russian Legation in Rome forced me to return home. I worked then as an accountant in a Chemical factory until 1944. Then I had to leave for the Third time my home and came to Germany in December 1944. where I worked at forced labor in a Cartridge factory in Brandenburg near Berlin. When the Russian troops occupied Brandenburg I became interpreter for a few months to a Russian Colonel. When I realized that the Russians had the intention to send me to Siberia I fled to the AMERICAN Zone in Berlin. I was put in a UNRRA Camp in Berlin-Zehlendorf and from there I was sent to Fischbach near Nurnberg. Here I became a telephone operator for UNRRA Team Headquarters and later I became a Personnel Chief at IRO Zone Depot Nurnberg and later I became a Personnel Chief position was liquidated and I am without work and it is practically impossible to get work. If you could send me a few stamps I could send my letters through my cousin which gets into your hands much quicker than the German mail, the latter being very slow. Yours Marta Sturans.

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