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August 27th

My dear Colleague and Friend:

On April 4th, 1941, I sent you a letter which undoubtedly you have on file, appealing for your assistance on behalf of the parents of a friend of mine, a very talented violinist named Henri Temianka.

He is very much concerned, and quite naturally, about the future of his father and mother, Mr. Izrael Tymianka and Mrs. Fajga Rajzla Tymianka, and is particularly anxious to have them embark from Lisbon for America.

Today I received an additional appeal from him for me to once more approach my friend, Mons. Pietri, Franch Ambassador to Madrid. He feels that conditions have changed to such an extent that it is now possible for you to intercede in behalf of his parents. He has asked me to cable you, but I believed if I sent his letter to you, expressing the filial devotion of young Mr. Temianka for his parents and again accentuated my desire to have you assist in the matter, if possible, you would understand the situation far better than by cabling, so I am sending it air mail which may result in your receiving the communication within the next ten days.

I trust you can see a ray of hope for liberating these two aged people from their present surroundings and assist them toward a journey to America and their son.

Bear in mind it is not expected that you can do the impossible. Diplomatic complications must be overcome and I know they are mighty complex at this time. I hope, however, for the best results of any effort you might make in their behalf.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

William May Garland

Hon. Francois Pietri French Ambassador Madrid, Spain