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Henri Temianka correspondence, Gurs

Henri Temianka,  
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March 21, 1941

My dear May,

I was at a loss to understand what your long silence meant, until your letter arrived yesterday. I immediately obtained advice on your proposed arrangement, and this is the situation:

1. The payment of 2% interest is a very simple matter, I can make out a personal check to you for \$20.00, and that would settle it.

2. I shall make out a note to you, undertaking to return the full sum of money within six months, if by that time my parents have not entered this country. If they have, then your \$1000.00 will be paid out to them at the rate of \$33.33 per month, for a duration of two and a half years, and I will undertake to return that money to you as it is released, plus interest. If my situation warrants it, I shall repay the money within the space of one year, out of my own earnings, as your money will be tied up legally in the event of my parents getting here, and can only be released at the rate of \$33.33 per month.

3. My Life Insurance Policy was made out in England, and it would be a terribly slow and involved procedure to make you beneficiary. Instead I am prepared to arrange for a chattel mortgage on my violin, which would leave me the use of it at present, while making you the owner in case I did not honor my debt to you.

4. The Bank is not allowed to accept an assignment, the money must be handed over to them, and neither you nor I can touch it.

My dear May, if you really understand the urgency of this matter, and realize that it may be a question of life and death, then please act at once. Wire the money at once or send a check by airmail, so that I may complete arrangements with the Wells-Fargo Bank here, who are only waiting for your check to cable the consul in Antwerp that a letter of credit has been established for \$3000.00. We can handle all legal formalities afterwards.

You probably have had both my telegrams. My failure to write at length to you is not due to any carelessness, but to my frantic efforts in other directions, which, coming at a time when I had five concerts in one week, have placed a burden upon me which proves more than one I can carry. Please try to understand.

I don't know whether you are aware that Harry Hildebrand, whom you knew so well at one time, was drowned accidentally during a blackout in The Hague.

Hoping to have news from you by return, with greetings to the family,

Yours cordially,