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27 August

Dearest Roy & Henri

Some unpleasant news but please don't be shocked, as it is only a question of time and patience.

Notwithstanding our Spanish, Cuba, Nicaragua and U.S.A. consular documents and special official letters signed by the Consul himself declaring that after all our papers having been carefully examined etc. We have been qualified to receive the U.S.A. immigration visa, also the official letter from the shipping Compania Transatlantica of Bilbao confirming our first class reservation on the S.S. Comillas sailing on the 20th August. We were in passing the demarcation line in France on our way to Spain, detained and taken to Camp Gurs where we are since the fifth of Aug. Our passport and letters from the shipping Co have been taken from us and sent on to Vichy and were told that it is only a question of some days that we shall have them back with the necessary Sortie de France, since our papers were considered to be in order. Meanwhile three weeks have elapsed, we have missed our boat on the 20th and are still waiting the return of our papers. I have written to the Count de Suprennda, the President of the Philharmony Bilbao who wrote us on the 9th July a very nice letter giving us the details of our boat reservation and ending the letter by saying that in case any difficulty should present itself I should write or wire immediately.

Don't send your correspondence in English. Use French. We are both in good health and are provided with sufficient means, so don't worry about us and don't send us anything. Get in touch with the ^{visa} department in Washington, we may need it. Meanwhile we entertain good hopes to get good news from Vichy any day. Hoping to hear from you or to be with you soon.

With much love
D

26th F. Bar 2

Dear Roy + Henry

As Pa explained to you every-
thing, I have no more to tell you
than that we are in good health
and hope to leave ~~you~~ here, as
soon as possible.

Best love + many kisses
Ma.

Kind regards to all our friends

I never expected that such a necessity
will arise and that I will be forced
to take advantage of his kindly offered
assistance. To accelerate our case, I am
now convinced that intervention from
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Since we have not the actual U.S.A. visa
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J. Tymianka Camp Gurs Banes Pyrenees
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[[Wendy Gonaver 12/08/19]]

[[Henri Temianka papers, Correspondence, Gurs, Box 12, folder 14, letter 11]]

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