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Copy of letter to the Hon. Cordell Hull, Oct. 25, 1940

Your Excellency,

Mr. Louis Johnson has been good enough to take a personal interest in a matter of great concern to me, and it is upon his suggestion that I am taking the liberty of writing to you.

My mother and father, both of Polish nationality, reside in Antwerp, Belgium. I am extremely anxious for their safety, and it is my earnest desire to bring them into this country at the earliest possible moment.

I understand that it is an extremely difficult and slow procedure for them to obtain permission to enter this country, and I should be most deeply grateful for any help and liberality that could be extended by the State Department.

I myself came to this country one year and a half ago on an immigration visa, and applied for and received my first papers shortly afterwards.

I expect to be East in November and should be very glad to call personally at the State Department if you consider this desirable.

Assuring you of my sincerest gratitude for any assistance that you may be able to give me,

Very respectfully yours,