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Henri Temianka correspondence, Gurs

August 27, 1941.

My dear Jones:

You will recall that we gave at your mother-in-law's house a concert for the benefit of the exiles from Lorraine. This concert, and its gratifying results, was due to the generous assistance we had from Mr. Henri Temianka.

Now, Mr. Temianka has a problem of his own. His parents, who were in Belgium, are now in Unoccupied France. He has a cable from them to say that they arrived two weeks ago, and are now in the Concentration Camp de Gurs, awaiting their exit visa, so that they may enter Spain. Mr. Temianka has no more accurate address than Camp de Gurs.

Mr. Temianka has secured them Cuban visas, and has prepaid sailing reservations on the Compagnie Générale Transatlantique from Bilbao.

Mr. Temianka has also prepaid sailing reservations for his parents on the American Export Liner "Excambion", sailing from Lisbon on September 19th, and is at present complying with the new regulations of the State Department in order to secure the United States Immigration Visa which has already been formally promised to his parents.

The Baron James Haeyens,
French Embassy,
Washington, D. C.

The Baron James Baeyens, 2.

August 27, 1941.

For the purpose of identification,
Israel Tymianka and Mrs. Fajga Kajzla Tymianka bear
Polish passport 745990/427/3/38.

We are all of us very much interested in
this case, not only because of Mr. Tymianka's generous
assistance to the "France-Amérique" concert, but also
because of our personal regard for him.

What is the best thing to be done? I
understand the Ambassador is now absent. Could you
communicate with the Foreign Office at Vichy, and bring
the case to their attention, and say that I, as President
of "France-Amérique", am very anxious indeed that these
people should be helped? I will pay all expenses that
may be necessary for cables, etc.

As I think you know, "B" arrives tomorrow
morning. We are all most anxious to see her and hear
the stories of her adventures.

On Saturday, Adèle and I went to Aptos, where
we saw Mary and the children. The boys are very well,
indeed, and enjoying with the sea bathing.

Yours affectionately,

R. M. Tobin

P.S. Mr. Tymianka has prepaid the sum required
for the transportation of his parents from the Spanish
Border to Lisbon.