



Postcard from Marianne Homburger to Max Bredig, January 2, 1940

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English Translation

Image 1

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Haydnplatz 6

Karlsruhe in Baden

about the current state of the situation, if you don't know about it yet.

Warm regards, my dear lad.

Your sister Marianne

We are doing well.

(right)

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Image 2

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Dear Max,

Yesterday, I received a letter from Father dated December 27th, in which he tells me 1) that he is now staying in a mediocre pension in Amsterdam because Ernst's wife is having an operation and 2) that the home fund will only pay for him if you can't. Of course, both of those things worried me a lot. This means that the advantages that Holland had over the USA don't exist anymore. I would also be very happy if Father could travel to be with you as soon as possible. He writes that he must go to the American Consul in Rotterdam on January 8th. Yet what particularly worries me is what he writes: "The home fund will not give me anything as long as my son is able to do so, as was stated in the affidavit that Ernst received from him. At least 10% of his income is required and this can also suffice here to cover my cost of living. Max has already sent me funds for 3 months. Only if he cannot send the money, would the home fund step in here. In general, I was told I can get by with that sum here. Hence, it will work out. In Amsterdam, many aid and information centers are easier to contact..." If he really thinks he can get by with 10% of your income (that's \$30 per month), and he must, that's completely impossible and definitely of interest to you. What does he mean about the money that you had already sent him for 3 months? Is this in reference to our \$90? Surely you can send him approximately \$100 a month? It is inconceivable that Father should have live in poor circumstances at the age of 71. Since he doesn't want to be a burden, you must write to him immediately about what he can spend per month. He needs to use the minimum rates of an aid organization, just as long as you don't serve as a guide for him. Organize everything with father directly, possibly by telegram. Hopefully, this card will be out of date by the time it reaches you. However, I must inform you