



Letter from Max Bredig to Ernst Cohen, January, 1939

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English Translation

Max A. Bredig

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Pittsburgh, Pa.

Hotel William Penn

Dear Professor,

Yesterday, I received the following telegram from my father:

"SEND A NOTARIZED CONFIRMATION LETTER TO ERNST IN UTRECHT THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT ME FINANCIALLY UNTIL I TRAVEL TO AMERICA. FATHER"

I assume that you have been in touch with my father regarding this matter. Enclosed, I am sending you a confirmation letter that I will support my father financially. In terms of content, I hope that it meets the requirements. If not, please notify me immediately! For example, I was not sure if I should send this document to the Dutch authorities or to you. Given the brief notification from my father, I apologize if I did not have the right format.

I am also concerned that this message was sent to me by telegram. According to the last

letters from Karlsruhe, my father intended to stay with my sister in Karlsruhe until her emigration and wait with her in England. Due to the demands of my brother-in-law's work a few months ago, his emigration was not expected at this time. I hope that new hardships are not the reason for my father's expedited departure. Of course, I am very happy on any day that he can leave Germany earlier. As a son, I will always be deeply grateful to you for any assistance you can amiably provide to my father, at my expense, of course.

As you can see from my letter, I am no longer in Ann Arbor. My fellowship there ended last fall. I was fortunate enough to have found a new, and I assume, good position at the Vanadium Corporation of America just in time to help my father. I am currently working in Bridgeville, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Pittsburgh. However after a while, I will probably move to New York, where the company's headquarters are located. I will develop plans to produce the chemical composition of vanadium, especially as a catalyst.

I hope that you and your family are doing well in Holland, which has been spared from the turmoil of Europe. Many thanks again and I wish you all the best for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Max Bredig