



Letter from Max Bredig to Marianne Homburger and Viktor Homburger, November 1937

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English Translation

Ann Arbor, Michigan, 23 November 1937

Dear Anndel and Viktor,

Although I am quite busy here as usual, I did not want the "Normandy" to sail without sending you a letter. Thank you for your postcard from Italy. I hope you all had a good time there and returned home safely. I also thank you, Anndel, for your letters from October 3rd and 14th! I hope that your budget concerns are allayed by now.

With regards to a foreign student, we do not believe his prospects to be favorable. Local students hardly study there any more.

I know absolutely nothing about a book titled "Art" that was sent to me, in which I should carefully look at some pictures! Was a shipment lost?

Anndel, I am very happy that you are still in touch Liselotte. I always waver between my regrets that she did not decide to come with me and my fears that I would not be able to settle here. It is not easy in any case, as Mr. Helfer in Detroit told me yesterday. I visited him yesterday as a patron of the arts.

My work here concerns me the most. For the past few weeks, I've started working on a new

topic. However, I don't understand enough about the subject or the people I am working with. The same topic is being examined in New York, so I may switch positions again.

I am in very good hands with my landlady here. By American standards, I'm probably set up extremely well. My two small rooms are quite cozy and Ann Arbor is still very lovely. In English, I have the feeling that I am not making progress, but that's supposed to be normal.

By the next letter, I will have to decide on the next shipment. I think that I could still use a large dictionary and a technological one (Tolhausen, new edition; I only have an old one here). Unfortunately, the chemical dictionary by T ... (?) that I picked out was not with the books here either.

Yesterday I was in Detroit, which is a very unattractive American city. Although there are often good concerts, sometimes the programs leave much to be desired. Once a week, Once week, I am invited to visit someone, mostly Fajans or Thomassen. It's always nice, but not particularly exciting. Unfortunately, I haven't been up to playing the piano lately, but hopefully soon.

I haven't heard anything from H.H.F, although I wrote him three times. He is the most inconsiderate person that I know.

Father, who should receive this letter this week, sent cards 47 and 48 and I thank him very much. I also received the bell, many thanks!

Tell your boys, Father, and Dr. Paul H. that I say hello. Take care.

Yours,
Max