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Henri Temianka correspondence, Gurs

September 2, 1941.

Dear Mr. Consul General:

Just before your arrival in San Francisco, "France-Amérique" gave a concert for the relief of the refugees from Lorraine, and as a result we were able to send to the Quakers more than \$1,200 for distribution at Montauban.

This concert was mainly due to the generosity and sympathy of the well-known violinist, Mr. Henri Tomlanka.

He is now in great distress over the situation of his parents. They were Jewish people from Poland, who were in Antwerp. They succeeded in getting into France, and are now in a Concentration Camp, Camp de Gurs.

I know enough of them to feel sure that they are harmless old people who are deserving of sympathy. Their son has arranged for their transportation to America; their passages have been secured and paid for. They have, I believe the necessary visas to pass through Spain and Portugal. There does not seem to be anything needed to effect their release except that they should be permitted to depart from the Concentration Camp and to go to Marseilles, or to some place where it would be possible for them to get the renewal of their visas which by now may have elapsed.

Hon. Claude Bréart de Boisanger,
Consul General of France,
de Young Building,
San Francisco, California.

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I have written to James at the Embassy in Washington to tell him of the plight of these poor people, and of their claims for consideration.

I will be grateful if you would add your influence in their behalf.

I have also communicated with Mr. Rich of the Quaker organization in Philadelphia to ask for his favorable intervention.

Kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

R. M. Tobin

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