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Henri Temianka correspondence, Gurs

August 27, 1941.

Mr. John F. Rich,
American Friends Service Committee,
20 South Twelfth Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Rich:

May I ask your intervention in the case of the parents of Mr. Henri Temianka. It was due to Mr. Temianka that we were able to give the concert in San Mateo, under the auspices of "France-Amérique", which resulted in bringing in such a handsome sum which we turned over to you to be disbursed in Montauban.

Mr. Temianka is now confronted with a problem of his own. His parents, after many hardships, finally arrived in Unoccupied France from Belgium, where they are now confined in a prison camp, 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 for them Cuban visas, and has prepaid sailing reservations on the Compagnie Générale Transatlantique from Bilbao.

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Mr. Tymianka 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.

For the purpose of identification, Izrael Tymianka and Mrs. Fajga Rajzla Tymianka bear Polish passport 743990/427/3/38.

I will be exceedingly grateful if you could, through your representatives, get into communication with them, and find out what the situation, as it affects them, really is. All charges for cables, etc. will be refunded.

Yours very truly,

H. M. Tobin