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*Sandberger, Martin*

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March 19, 1949

Honorable Wm. Langer  
Senator from North Dakota  
Senate Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Langer:

I was very happy to read the article in the Chicago Tribune telling of your efforts and success in behalf of the many sentenced to be executed in Germany.

Enclosed please find documents indicating that Martin Sandberger, Jur. D., sentenced to the gallows, has not had a fair hearing, and that, very likely, his hands are clean from the blood of the Jews killed in Estonia.

During the war I served as director of the Lutheran Commission for Prisoners of War. For that reason many in Germany are to this day appealing to me for help in one way or the other. I am really not a "Vetter" as he calls me for having put forth endeavors to help his sentenced son.- I do know that the Sandbergers are a noble people in the Stuttgart area. Several of the condemned's family have been prominent clergymen.

C. Wayland Brooks, former senator of Illinois, has very much of the material on this case. Unfortunately his going out of office put an end to all his efforts.

Will you kindly examine the papers and do what you can to have this execution stayed? God grant you courage and strength. Our prayers accompany you.

Very truly yours,

*T. W. Strieter*