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Marseille, Splendid Hotel.

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Dear Mr. Makinsky,

Thank you very much for your several telegrams; some of these have only now reached me (via Toulouse); those you sent directly to Marseille got here in three days. I hope you received my replies, that is to say my letter from Toulouse of the 24th and my three telegrams from here.

I suppose you have met Mr. Sharp by now, who will have explained the situation to you. We are anxious to leave for Lisbon as soon as possible. On the other hand, it is quite difficult for foreigners residing in France to secure their exit permits at present. In my particular case, the Ministry of Education is trying to get the necessary authorization from the French Cabinet (Conseil des Ministres). I also hope the American Consul will intervene, through the American Embassy at Vichy.

As soon as these diplomatic interventions have been completed and the necessary results obtained, the other formalities will take no time at all. The American Consul has already given us immigration non-quota visas. Our son will be sent to Marseille within a few days, to be demobilised, and his papers and passports will be prepared and made ready at the same time as ours.

We are quite willing to take the first boat possible from Lisbon, whether American or Greek. You realize, however, that I am unable as yet to give you a definite date for my departure, until my exit permit is assured. I understand there are two Clippers a week going from Lisbon to New York. But I suppose the places must be reserved ahead of time; is that so? We shall take the train from here to Lisbon; unless the American Consulate here tells us that there is an airplane service between Barcelona and Lisbon; they promised to let me know when there is one.

I had some very pleasant notes from President Gates and from Professor Richards. I told them I was hoping to be able to get to America in the near future - thanks to your very kind aid and assistance.

With my warmest thanks and best greetings,

Yours sincerely,

(-) Otto Meyerhof.