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Dear Professor Einstein:

Thank you for your letter enclosing the letter from Thomas Mann which I am returning herewith. I went personally yesterday both to the Physicians Committee and to Miss Razovsky and discussed the matter with them. Miss Razovsky is investigating and will let me know before I leave New York on Friday. Also, the Physicians Committee gave me some advice. It is too early yet to say whether anything similar to the suggestion of Mr. Thomas Mann can be arranged. I would like to discuss the matter personally with Thomas Mann if I can possibly arrange to go to Zurich. Could you send me a line of introduction to Thomas Mann?

I passed on your information about Boris Schwartz without however mentioning his name yet. The pianist who is going abroad and for whom a companion is required is Shur Cherkassky of whom you may have heard. I am told that he is a very promising young musician, 24 years old. He is a pupil of Professor Hoffman whom I am told you know. Hoffman is now in South America and will not be back until September. He is supposed to make all arrangements for Cherkassky. The people behind Cherkassky do have money enough to pay Boris Schwartz's return to Europe and his way back to the United States. My suggestion is that Boris Schwartz, who you say in your letter has to migrate into the United States toward the end of August, should do so since the people with whom I talked are not in a position to make any arrangements with the American Consul to obtain an extension for Boris Schwartz. After his arrival here we should get him in touch with these people and would have to find out whether suitable arrangements can be made. Should it not work out with Boris Schwartz, the people who take care of Mr. Cherkassky would be very glad to take anybody else who is recommended by you.

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I promised them to write you these details and to let them know before I leave whether you approve of these suggestions. Could you send me a line which would reach me not later than Friday morning to allow me to communicate with these people before my departure?

I am wondering whether there is anything else I could do for you in Europe. Is there anybody you want me to see or is there anything you would want me to find out? I agree with you that the European situation is full of dangers but there are also a few hopes just at this moment. The situation in Spain and in France, altho highly dangerous, is still not entirely lost and may be a turning point for a better development. If you can think of anybody particularly outstanding either in London or Paris, from whom we could obtain some specially interesting information, I wish you would send me a note of introduction. I would be glad to get in touch with them. Could you give me a note to Lord Cecil and Leon Blum?

I am sorry I have to write in English but I am so much pressed for time that I have to use the assistance of a helpful secretary.

I hope that your wife is feeling a little bit better by now and that the Adirondacks are at least having some good effects on her health.

With kindest regards to everybody.

Cordially yours,

Otto Nathan.

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