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Dear Sir:

Many thanks for your letter of March 26, and for your help, of which I learned from this letter. I did not answer you earlier because there was nothing special to tell. Now I shall give a small picture of my emigration matters.

In the last days of March our arrival into the Canadian Emigration Center at Blankensee was fixed for 6 April. The officers of the U.S. D.P. Commission in Wentorf advised me to try out this possibility of emigration to Canada, because they were not sure whether I will be called forward for processing on the U.S. Scheme, although the ban laid upon the "Baltic Legion Cases" was withdrawn and some Baltic soldiers were called to Wentorf by then already.

Due to the fact that the IRO had not sent my documents to Blankensee in due time, I could postpone our departure for some days. On April 10, when I had done all preparations for our departure to Blankensee on the next morning, I was told that we will be called forward for processing to USA on the very day.

Although this call-forward did not come through that day, I, supposing your hand behind the quick change of mind of the D.P. Commission, did not go to Blankensee.

It took 4 days before the call-forward came through. Now it is so far that we will start medical examination tomorrow. I hope that the Doctor will find me and my family fit for immigration into the States. Basing on the fact, that the D.P. Commission ordered our call-forward, I think that the Commission will let us pass. There remain the U.S. Consul and the Representative of the Immigration & Naturalisation Service then, who, too, have to give their agreement to our immigration into the States. In case that there will come no special delay, we could pass all these authorities in some 2 - 3 weeks (usually it takes so long), but it could be done in some few days too. Then follows waiting for the transportation, at first in Wentorf, and later in Staging & Embarcation Center Grohn near Bremen.

What to the planned future work, there is no change in my mind. Even more, I would like to repeat what I said to you on our first meeting, namely: I am no politician, but a soldier of my Country. There is no difference of whether I was recommended to you by X, Y or Z, so far I can be sure that the estimated work can and will be done with due precaution, so that a help may be hoped from it to my Country.

When you are interested in seeing me, and when you like me to do some preparatory steps before I will leave Germany, then this could be done after I will be accepted for immigration by all the Authorities mentioned above, before we will leave for Grohn. Then I could take a leave of absence from Wentorf for "settling of my personal affairs".

Very sincerely yours

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