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English Translation

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Dear Professor,

Dr. Fritz Hochwald, a former doctoral student, colleague, and friend of Professor Franck (Bavarian Nitrogen Works), asked me to inquire whether you could help him obtain an American visa. I couldn't understand exactly from the letter addressed from Spain whether Dr. Hochwald is a personal acquaintance of yours. At any rate, Professor Franck advised him to contact you and wanted to introduce his case personally to you.

To understand the case better, I have enclosed a brief account of the fate of Dr. Hochwald and translation of a testimonial.

Conditions in the concentration camp must be utterly appalling. Dr. Hochwald, who is not at all pathetic, has written that his fate in the camp will slowly, but surely, result in death. From a completely objective point of view, it is much worse in Spain than in France. (The letter

was sent here via the Unitarian Center in Lisbon.)

The German Embassy in Madrid has promised to intervene with the Spanish authorities to confiscate his passport, as soon as his departure from Spain is guaranteed.

I also turned to the Association of Immigrant Scholars and received assurance from Professor Jordan that he would attempt to help immediately. May I now request assistance from you or inquire about further steps that could be useful for Dr. Hochwald's liberation? Perhaps the Rockefeller Foundation or Pen Club?

Thank you very much for your efforts.

Sincerely,

Ilse Wolfsberg