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Dear Miss Swann,

I am writing to you at the initiative of Mr. Hubert Peet from Beckenham. (Temporary address: Waylands, Norton Way South Letchworth, Herts.) He did not know your exact address, but put me in touch with Mr. Horace G. Alexander of Woodbroke Selly Oak, Birmingham 29X who not only was kind enough to give me your address, but also wrote to me that I was free to use his name as an introduction.

I am Mrs. Clara Weiss, a refugee of Bremen, Germany. On June 27th 1940 my son Günter Joáchim Weiss was interned, and subsequently sent to Australia. After the outbreak of war he was placed a Friendly Alien (Category C) by the Tribunal in London. At that time we both stayed in London, and up to the time of my son's internment we both used to go to the socials at Sydenham Meeting I. It was there that my son and myself became friends with Mr. and Mrs. Peet.

The reason why I write to you is to ask you a very great favour, and I would be most grateful to you if you would be so kind as to help me. Is there any possibility of my son being released, and be allowed to work in Australia? He was trained in a machine-factory in Bremen until he was put into a Concentration-Camp by the Nazis. I know that my son would do every kind of work to help the war effort. He had a very sad voyage out to Australia, and as he is my only child you will appreciate that I dread to have him exposed to the dangers of a second voyage. I took the liberty of sending your address to him, and should he get my letter he may also write to you. As he is still so young I would feel greatly relieved if I knew that you or some other Friend would take a little care of him. Mr. Peet took a great interest in my son. He suggests that there may^{be} some more people from Sydenham on whom you might be kind enough to keep an eye: e.g. Max Meyer and Leopold Weiss.

I thank you very much for whatever you will do.

Very sincerely yours

Clara Weiss