Von K to Von S

van Kempen

UNITED STATES NAVY

Te velde 24 Augustus 1947

Mevrouw

Wat sullen dese, eenvoudige en onbeduidende, regelen U tenlangste verwonderen so zij Uw Lage persoon onder ogen kwamen.

Waaraan dank ik de vermetelheid, waarmit put ik de moed, U dit korte epistel te doen toekomen, terwijl ik weet niet eens bij machte te zijn U, in Uwe geliefde moedertaal te schrijven? Hoe durf ik so tegen alle bestaande etiketten in te druisen?

God, de Almachtige, weet dat ik verre van brutaal of onbeschaafd kan zijn, doch dat ik dit alles risqueer derwille van de grote sympathie en het respect dat ik gevoel voor U en Uw volk.

Nimmer kan ik, even als sovelen, vergeten wat Uw moei land voor ons gedaan heeft.

Geëerde en Geëerbiedigde Mevrouw, ontferm U over mij en duidt het niet ten kwade dat dit alles

UNITED STATES NAVY

slechts is geschreven en aan U gezonden
door korporaal F. M. G. van Kempen
van de 7 December Divisie
gelegerd in Indonesië.

Afzender: Korporaal F. M. G. van Kempen
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C-Divisie - 7 December
Veldpostkantoor Batavia.

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McFarley says
does object. State Dept letter
showed not to be made further
did not expect it would be
so used

The N.Y. News called about this case & I said we refer as many letters to the State Dept. I couldn't give anything definite on it. They wanted to know Mrs R. interest in it.

I don't think a State Dept letter should be made public.

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January 25, 1947

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
29 Washington Square, West
New York 11, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I write to thank you for your kind letter of January 21st with the enclosure from the State Department. In view of the fact that the matter concerns the record of the von Kleczkowskis whose case is about to come up in court, you will, I presume, have no objection to my showing the letter to their counsel, Mr. Louis Waldman.

With every good wish,

Very sincerely yours,

Joseph McSorley

Joseph McSorley

von Kleczkowski

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Frank

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

January 15, 1947

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I regret very much my delay in replying to your letter of December 31, 1946 regarding Dr. and Mrs. Karl von Kleczkowski.

This case first came to the attention of the Department several months ago when Lady Armstrong, President of the Ladies of Charity of New York City, requested intervention in behalf of the Kleczkowskis to prevent, if possible, their deportation. As you know, the Department of State is not usually concerned with such cases which come under the jurisdiction of the Department of Justice and the Immigration and Naturalization Service. A report on the cases was nevertheless requested to see whether any intervention by this Department would be justified.

On the basis of the information available, it was apparent that Dr. and Mrs. von Kleczkowski were not entitled to exceptional consideration by this Government. They were employed as German agents in Turkey when they indicated that they might be of value to the Allied cause. They were subsequently afforded a somewhat unusual opportunity to prove the value of their possible services but failed to convince the authorities concerned and were consequently interned in this country as dangerous enemy aliens. Under the circumstances it was not believed that the Department should interpose any objection to their deportation and the Attorney General was so informed in a letter of October 24, 1946.

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt,

29 Washington Square, West,

New York 11, New York.

Since then the Department has received various inquiries and protests concerning the Kleczkowskis, but after a review of the file I fully agree with the original decision that to interpose an objection to their deportation would be acting contrary to the interests of the United States.

In Father McSorley's letter to you I note the statement that "this unhappy couple ..... have not had a proper opportunity to present their case". This is a question which the Department of Justice is in a better position to answer than I, but it is my understanding that the Kleczkowskis have been represented by counsel and that they have been able to appeal their case twice to the Immigration Board of Appeals as well as to have it reviewed by the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

Dean Acheson

Under Secretary

Enclosure:

Letter of
December 27, 1946.

PAULIST FATHERS
415 WEST 59TH STREET
NEW YORK 19, N. Y.

December 27, 1946

Tell him great State Dept. Eleanor R.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park
Dutchess County, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am moved to write this letter by my personal knowledge of your sympathy for helpless, unfortunate people.

The letter has to do with Dr. and Mrs. Karl von Kleczkowski, Austrian refugees, confined at present on Ellis Island awaiting deportation into the hands of the Russians whose enmity they have incurred. According to George Earle, at that time special American Representative in the Balkans, they were brought to the United States in an army plane with the apporval of President Roosevelt. On their arrival, however, their documents were taken away by United States officials and not returned to them. This unhappy couple, whom I know personally, have not had a proper opportunity to present their case.

Would it be possible for you, despite all the other urgent matters pressing upon you, to have this situation looked into? An outline of the story could easily be obtained from Governor Earle or from Lady Armstrong, President of the Ladies of Charity of New York City.

Wishing you the blessings of the season, I am

Yours hopefully,

Joseph McSorley

Joseph McSorley

Von Kleffens

No one else was asked for this dinner
until we heard from the von Kleffens

You suggested
Mrs. Emmet
Mr. and Mrs. Winant
Mr. Baruch
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Col. Bill Donovan

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January 23rd

Dear Mrs Roosevelt,

Thank you very much for your kind invitation to dinner on Monday February 14th. Greatly to our regret we are unable to accept, as my husband expects still to be away in Holland at that time. We both much appreciate your

kindness in thinking of us.

Believe me,

yours very sincerely,

Margaret Van Rheffens

Pending
Feb 17th

January 20, 1947

Dear Mrs van Kleffens:

If you and Dr. van Kleffens are free the evening of Monday, February 17th, it would give me a great deal of pleasure if you would dine with me at my apartment at the above address at 8 P.M.

Hoping you will be able to come, I am,

Very cordially yours,

(If they accept see other side.)

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In reply refer to:
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AMERICAN CONSULATE
Rotterdam, July 22, 1947

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The Honorable
Herman B. Baruch,
American Ambassador,
The Hague.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Embassy's letter of July 17, 1947, enclosing correspondence from Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt regarding the immigration visa application of Winifred van Duyl.

I am glad to inform you that Miss van Duyl's name will be reached on the waiting lists of intending immigrants during the coming month and the Consulate can then give active consideration to her case.

She has presented evidence that she is not likely to become a public charge after her arrival in the United States which has been accepted by the Consulate but she is still lacking birth and good conduct certificates. She will be requested to furnish those documents when active consideration can be given her application. It is anticipated that a further delay of three to four months will occur before a visa can be issued to her according to the number of approved cases with prior registration dates at the time her documentation is completed.

You may be assured, however, that the Consulate will accord her all possible assistance and consideration, consistent with the immigration laws and regulations, in order to facilitate her departure.

Very truly yours,

Herbert V. Olds,
American Consul.

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Stackelberg

Salisbury, Conn.
January 21st, 1943.

letter from Van Cleffens and friend
Mrs Roosevelt
NR 5/31/47

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I am extremely grateful to you for your very quick help in arranging an interview for me with Mr. van Cleffens, whom I saw today. He was very friendly and offered to help me himself which I had not intended to ask of him, but will gladly accept. He advised me to make a new affidavit, very detailed and clear, and to ask you to write a short statement under it saying you have known my parents, grandparents (?) and certain members of my family for many years and can vouch for their honesty and integrity and sign your name to it in your own handwriting. I am also to ask Aunt Pauline to make a similar statement only she can say she has known me intimately all my life as well as my parents etc. and she is likewise to sign her name to it. Mr. van Cleffens will then take the affidavit with the statements attached and deliver them personally to his colleague (his expression), the minister of justice. He will vouch for the genuineness of your and Aunt Pauline's signatures, which he says he knows well and it ought to have the effect of the case being seen to rapidly and not getting bogged down, and also of making my statements in the affidavit be more readily accepted as true.

I tried to telephone you, but was unable to reach you, so that I could thank you and ask you personally about

the statement on the affidavit. Mr. van Cleffens leaves for Europe next week; so I have asked Aunt Pauline if I can see her early Monday morning with the affidavit and get her few words about me. I am very much afraid I will not be able to hear from you before then because I am sure your mail must be enormous; so I hope you won't think it impertinent if I come to your appartment on Monday to ask you, or to get your answer, as to whether you are willing to say you have known my parents in the past and that they were honest ~~to~~ as far as you know. It is extremely distasteful to me to persone you this way, on the other hand I owe a great deal to the girl I am doing it for. If you would like your secretary to tell me not to come my telephone number is Lakeville Conn. 398 and please, surely, reverse the charges.

Thank you very, very much for the great help you have been to me.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Stashelberg.

Yours sincerely

Ella Stashelberg

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DR. MON KLEFFENS ADVISES ME HE HAS ASKED YOU TO SEE HIM TOMORROW TUESDAY MORNING ELEVEN FORTY FIVE. THIS IS JUST TO MAKE SURE YOU GET INFORMATION

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DEAR MRS ROOSEVELT THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER CONCERNING MRS STACHELBERG I AM LEAVING EARLY ON THURSDAY FOR A SHORT STAY IN HOLLAND PERHAPS IT WOULD BE A GOOD THING IF I SAW HER BEFORE DEPARTURE MY ONLY FREE MOMENT IS TOMORROW TUESDAY AT ELEVEN FORTY FIVE I AM SENDING HER A TELEGRAM TO THAT EFFECT BUT IN CASE YOU THINK SALISBURY CONNECTICUT IS INSUFFICIENT ADDRESS PERHAPS YOU WILL CONFIRM IT TO HER. VERY SINCERELY YOURS

EN VAN KLEFFENS

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Reply

January 17, 1947

Dear Dr. Van Kleffens:

A young friend of mine, the daughter of some very old friends who are now dead, and belonging to a well known American family, the Elliotts, married a German a number of years ago. She was divorced from him during the war and has now returned with her four children to this country. He has been accepted by our authorities as not having been a Nazi and allowed to go to work.

She lived in a peasant's cottage during the war with a group of other anti-Nazi's, among them a Dutch girl, who had been in Germany studying music and who felt she could not desert this American girl with her four children, and therefore stayed with them during the war.

Pending
Jan 16th

Mrs. von Stachelberg would like to go and see you and explain about the girl, as she now wants to come to America and is finding difficulties in leaving home. Though she has been carefully examined and I think cleared of any charges, I do not feel familiar enough with the facts to make any decisions in this matter.

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ment,

I sincerely hope you will be able to see Mrs. von Stachelberg, who lives at Salisbury, Connecticut, and she will gladly come to you in New York at any time you suggest. Lunch at 12:30 at my apartment, 29 Washington Square West.

Very sincerely yours,

Very Sincerely yours,

His Excellency E. N. Van Kleffen
30 Rockefeller Plaza, Room 1833
N.Y.

Pending
Jan 16th

January 13, 1947

My Dear Mrs. von Stachelberg:

I have received your kind letter and I shall be delighted to see you on January 16th. Please come for lunch at 12:30 at my apartment, 29 Washington Square West.

Very Sincerely yours,

Pulitzer Jan 16

January 13, 1947

My dear Mrs. von Stade[illegible]:

I have received your kind letter and I shall be delighted to see you on January 16th. Please come for lunch at 13:30 at my apartment, 29 Washington Square West.

Very sincerely yours,

Salisbury, Conn.
December 30th 1946

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I wonder if it would be possible for me to come and see you in New York as early in January as is convenient to you? I am sure you do not know my married name; so, by way of explaining myself, I am Nick and and Elizabeth Biddle's younger daughter.

I am in need of advice concerning a very dear friend of mine. I hate to bother you but will not take much of your time. I remember with how much affection Mother always spoke of you and have overcome my disinclination to be a nuisance to you.

I am living in Salisbury in Cousin Leslie Emmet's house but come into N.Y.C. quite often and will come down whenever you say, if you should be able to see me. I look forward to seeing you again too, apart from the good advice I hope you can give me.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen (Stachelberg)

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