HELEN RAYMOND C/O UNITED STATES CONSUL LISBOA

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July 19th 1940

E. M. Sheldon,
Rosenbergstrasse 13,
ZUG

Amerikanisches Konsulat
Bahnhofstrasse 3,
Zürich

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I today paid the sum of Frs 11.50 to the Consulate by
postal order in reimbursement of your telephone expense in connection
with the call to Berlin.

With many thanks,

Very truly yours,

Eugene M. Sheldon.
Rosenbergstrasse 13,
Zug.

July 19th 1940

Mr. Maurice W. Altaffer,
American Consul,
Bahnhofstrasse 3,
Zürich

Dear Mr. Altaffer,

This will acknowledge, with many thanks, your letter to my wife dated July 15th. In connection with the repatriation of my father-in-law, Mr. Raymond, I note that it is the Embassy's thought that the train of American prisoners may pass through this country, but imagine that even if this is so it will be impossible to see them even for a few minutes. In any case, I should be grateful if you would pass along any further information which you may receive on this subject. We have since learned that his wife is already en route for Lisbon, where she may wait for him or leave directly for the States.

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With many thanks,

Very truly yours,

Eugene M. Sheldon.
Dear Mr. Fletcher,

With many compliments,

I am happy to inform you that I have been selected for the position of Research Assistant at the American University. The selection process involved a rigorous evaluation of my qualifications and experience in the field.

I am currently working on a project related to environmental sustainability, and I believe this experience will be beneficial to your team. Please let me know if you need any further information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,

Emily Galloway
Absender: E. M. Sheldon, Rosenbergstrasse 13, Zug, Switzerland.

July 19th 1940

Dear Al,

Letters seem to take such a long time to reach you that maybe you will already be on your way to the States before this gets to the camp. We heard the good news of your coming release with the other Americans on July 15th. As it is possible that it may take some time before the arrangements are all made, I am taking a chance on your getting this and also sending off another package for which we have just received the authorisation to send.

We have just received your last letter (not dated) but written, I think, on July 2nd. as that was the date you put to the order on the Harris Trust. We were glad to know that you had at last got two of Jean’s letters and hope that shortly after writing you had received a package.

I hope you will have heard now that Helen is "en route" for Lisbon. We heard from her by wire from Burgos in Spain that they were on their way, and I immediately wired her care of the Consul in Lisbon giving her the news of your coming release and also that Helen and kids are already in the States. We had already wired that news both to her address in the Dordogne and to the Haighs' place in Beaulieu, but they had already left and didn’t get the wires. Marie replied to us from Beaulieu saying that she had sent the wire on to Lisbon, where Helen had gone to wait for you. In my wire to Lisbon I advised Helen to leave for the States as soon as she can. I imagine that Herb and Laura are with her, also Lopp and Mr. Anderson.

I have already told you of the receipt of the $750. and am keeping your order on the H.T. carefully in case of emergency. We have just heard that communication between this country and Paris is again free, so I am writing to Fourel today, as you requested.

It has been happy news for us to know that at last your release is assured, although we are both very disappointed that we shall most probably be unable to see you, even if you come through this country. We shall hope for the best. I shall be really happy when you and Helen get together again. She must have been through more than one cares to think of.

Sorry about the cigarettes, Al, but I guess you have received at least one letter from us by now telling you about the restrictions.

We continue to go along well, except that Charles is in the course of one of his inevitable chest colds. Bill is "in the pink" and continues to eat and sleep well. We still have the nurse and Jean is really well, though we’ve both done a lot of worrying about our dispersed family. Some day you’ll see my dossiers on the subject.

Love from us all, Al, and we’ll be seeing you!
June 19th, 1940

Dear [Name],

Thank you for your letter. I have very much enjoyed reading about your experiences in [Country]. It is fascinating to hear about the local customs and traditions.

I am planning a trip to [Country] next month and hope to learn more about the culture and history. I was wondering if you could provide me with any additional information or recommendations.

Looking forward to your reply.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
Cher Monsieur Fourel,

Je vous écris de la part de mon beau-père Monsieur Albert W. Raymond qui, comme peut-être vous le savez, se trouve en ce moment prisonnier de guerre en Allemagne. Je suis heureux de vous dire qu'il n'a subi aucune blessure et se trouve en bonne santé, et que nous avons maintenant appris que les autorités allemandes ont décidé de libérer les membres de l'Ambulance Volontaire Américaine. Pour l'instant il n'est pas question que Monsieur Raymond puisse retourner en France car les prisonniers américains seront rapatriés directement vers les États-Unis.

Dans une lettre datée du 2 Juillet, Monsieur Raymond m'a prié de vous écrire pour vous demander des renseignements au sujet de ses affaires et aussi des nouvelles de Monsieur Pescura.

Il m'a déjà envoyé par les soins de notre Consulat en Allemagne, deux procurations en anglais et français m'autorisant d'agir et de signer pour lui, si nécessaire.

J'ignore si vous êtes actuellement à Paris mais, le cas échéant, je serais très reconnaissant si vous voudriez bien m'écrire en me donnant les renseignements demandés par Monsieur Raymond.

Dans l'espoir de vous lire bientôt, veuillez agréer, cher Monsieur Fourel, l'assurance de mes sentiments bien distingués.

Eugene M. Sheldon.
Carle. The Bank., N.Y. I have reason to believe that my affairs are in good shape. I have just arrived from New York, and have been at work for a few days. I am well, and expect to return to Paris shortly. My health is good, and I hope to see you again soon. 

Yours sincerely,

Carle.
Absender: A.W. RAYMOND
Vor- und Zuname: ANDERSON
Gefangenenummer: 20426
Lager-Bezeichnung: Oflag IV D

Deutschland (Allemagne)

H. SYPSON CO
Dear love, one step partially known from the next. I have been unable to write a letter in the process of liberation. However, on the American base, we will provide you with a counterattack. Since the situation is hard to say, I hope it will be easy for you to be patient and to start getting things together in order to join me in Switzerland at the moment. It may be quite a long time before I can return to Paris, even France. I hope we will be in touch in one of 2 weeks, but it might be longer as there seems to be much going on. Keep the parent coming as fast as possible as the shortage of tobacco is just as great as ever. Try to enjoy the Solacir and thought of France and every bit of Paris. Please write again to France. I'm trying to make a claim on my name with the American Corps for care of my son and the promises from Switzerland to the time I reach Paris. How and in myself but am not sure the letter to reach you. Not a blessing, just a claim on moral grounds. I'm doing as the time offers and when I can begin to hope to be with you again, before long. I find the days get longer and longer. The only thing to come to Switzerland but in the meantime, try to keep you are as long as possible, love you.

2/10/42

Ecrire legiblement.
Pas de lettres trop longues.
Kriegsgefangenenpost

An E.M. SHELDON

Empfangsort: ZUG
Straße: Rosenbergstrasse 13
Land: SCHWEIZ

Gebührenfrei

Deutschland (Alemany)
Datum 29.05.40

Vor- und Nachname: A.M. ANDERSON
Adresse: 120 W. 2nd St.

Offenbarung: 12.10.41

Titel:
Letter from A.W. Raymond from Oflag IV D, prison No. 20126

to E.M. Sheldon, Rosenbergstrasse, Zug, Switzerland

Dear everyone- As you probably know from the Consul I have been moved to this camp as a first step in the process of liberation. There are three other Americans here and we will probably be sent to Switzerland but from there it is hard to say. Probably the States, so I think it would be wise for you to tell Mother to start getting her papers in order so that she can join me in Switzerland at short notice as it may be quite a long time before I can return to Paris or even to France. I hope we will leave here inside of two weeks but it might be longer as there seems to be miles of red tape so keep the parcels coming as often as possible as the shortage of tobacco is just as great as ever. Boy but I enjoyed the salami and thought of Jean with every bite.

Gene, please write Fourel in Paris instructing him to make a claim in my name with the Ambulance Corps for loss of my car and expenses from Switzerland to the time I reach Paris. Have written myself but am not sure the letter will reach them. Not a lawsuit just a claim on moral grounds. Helen dear, as the time approaches when I can begin to hope to be with you again before too long, I find the days get longer and longer. Do get ready to come to Switzerland but in the meantime stay where you are as long as possible.

Love XXX Al 21/7/40
AMERICAN CONSULATE
Dresden, Germany, July 22, 1940.

Mr. Eugene M. Sheldon,
13 Rosenberger Strasse,
Zug, Switzerland.  

Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated July 10, 1940, with further reference to your father-in-law, Mr. Albert Raymond.

One of the officers of this Consulate saw Mr. Raymond again on July 20th, and Mr. Raymond agrees that it will be best for him to accept the offer of the German authorities to release him for repatriation to the United States. Mr. Raymond suggests that his wife may be able to proceed at once to Switzerland, where she can join him for the return journey. I therefore suggest that you may wish to communicate with the American Embassy in Berlin, attention of Mr. Patterson or Mr. Knox, pointing out that you have $750.00, some of which may be used in connection with the costs of the journey, and informing the Embassy whether Mrs. Raymond can meet Mr. Raymond in Switzerland, or whether she will be able to join him as he passes through southern France.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Alfred R. Thomson
American Consul General
THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMERICAN CONSULATE

NEUSEEN, GERMANY, JULY 22, 1940

Mr. Eugene M. Speigle
15 Rosenberg Street
New York City

BY ATTACHMENT

SIR:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated July 10, 1940, with further reference to your letter of July 8, 1940.

I am informed by Mr. Albert Raymon, Acting Consul, that the Whitman brothers will be glad to receive at once any correspondence with the American Express in Berlin, and that the American Express in Berlin, will be glad to receive at once any correspondence with the Whitman brothers.

I am therefore glad to inform you that your letter of July 8, 1940, has been forwarded to Mr. Whitman, and that he will be glad to receive at once any correspondence with the American Express in Berlin.

Very truly yours,

M. L. Thompson
American Consul General
Mr. Eugene Sheldon,
13 Rosenberger Strasse,
Zug, Switzerland.

Sir:

Referring to our previous correspondence regarding your father-in-law, Mr. Albert W. Raymond, I find that in my letter of yesterday I neglected to inform you that Mr. Raymond was, a few days ago, transferred to Oflag IV D, Elsterhorst bei Hoyerswerda, where he is now with the other American volunteer ambulance workers, who will probably all be released together in a few days, as soon as travel arrangements are complete.

Very truly yours,

Alfred R. Thomson
American Consul General
THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMERICAN CONSULATE

Dresdner, Germany, July 25, 1940

MR. REHNELD, Applied
15 Rosenbergstrasse
Zurich, Switzerland

In Attention

Sir:

Referring to our previous correspondence regarding your letter of June 1-17 to Mr. Applied. Mr. Applied Mr. Raymond, I find that
in my letter of August 23rd, I neglected to inform you
that Mr. Raymond was a few days ago transferred to
Officer in the United States Department of State, who
will, with the other American military attaches, reports
who will promptly fill the temporary position in a few
weeks as soon as the necessary arrangements have been

Very Truly yours,

[Signature]

Arthur L. Thompson
American Consul General
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Postanweisungstelegramme ermöglichen einen raschen und sicheren Geldverkehr. Auskunft am Post- oder am Telegraphenschalter.

Le mandat télégraphique est un moyen rapide et sûr d'envoyer de l'argent. Renseignements aux guichets des postes et des télégraphes.

Il vaglia telegrafico è un mezzo rapido e sicuro per l'invio di danaro. Informatevi agli sportelli della posta o del telegrafo.
Rosenbergstrasse 13,  
ZUG, Switzerland.  

July 25th 1940

The United States Embassy,  
Berlin, Germany.  

Attention: Mr. Patterson or Mr. Knox  

Subject: ALBERT W. RAYMOND  
Prisoner No. 20,126  
STALAG IV B  

Gentlemen,

I yesterday received a letter from Mr. A. R. Thomson, American Consul in Dresden, informing me that my father-in-law Mr. Albert W. Raymond would be shortly released by the German authorities for repatriation to the United States.

Mr. Raymond suggested that his wife might proceed here to Switzerland and join him on his way through. In this connection I must inform you that Mrs. Raymond is already in Lisbon and had the intention of awaiting him there. We have had no news from her since her arrival in that town; the last communication being from Burgos, and it is just possible that she may have left already for the States as we had cabled her telling of Mr. Raymond's coming release. Her address in Lisbon would be care of the American Consulate.

In any case, I am extremely anxious that Mr. Raymond be allowed to pass through this country on his way home. In the first place I have $750— which can be used to defray the cost of the journey and it would also give my wife and self a chance to see and speak with him before his final departure. As Mr. Raymond is forced to leave all his property and business behind him in France it would be of considerable interest for him to be able to speak and leave instructions with me.

If anything can be done in this connection I shall be very grateful and shall hope to hear from you on the subject at your convenience.

Thanking you in advance,

Very truly yours,

Eugene M. Sheldon.
June 25th 1940

Department of State

Attention: Mr. President of Mr. Knox

Subject: Aftermath of Raymondo

Dear Mr. President,

I have received a letter from Mr. A. T. Raymond regarding the German Secretariat for the United States. In this connection, I have read the report on the status of the German Secretariat for the United States.

Mr. Raymond has suggested that the wire might be traced to Switzerland and join him on the way. I agree to your suggestion and have informed Mr. Raymond of my agreement. We have been in communication with Mr. Raymond regarding the situation and are composed to assist him in the best possible manner. The wire was not traced directly to the office in Switzerland, but we have explored other possibilities.

In this case, I am extremely interested in the wire. Mr. Raymond has been instructed to trace the wire. However, I am unable to assist him at this time. In the first place, I have not found my name among the names of the persons who have tried to trace the wire. If you have any additional information, I would be grateful. In my capacity as Secretary of State, I am unable to provide any assistance in this matter.

If anything can be done in this connection, I shall be very grateful and will hope to hear from you on the subject of your connection.

Thanking you in advance,

Very truly yours,

Hugo M. Spender
Rosenbergstrasse 13,  
Z U G Switzerland.

July 25th, 1940

Mr. Alfred R. Thomson,  
American Consul General,  
D r e s d e n, Germany.

Dear Sir,

This will acknowledge, with thanks, your letter of July 22nd, concerning the coming release of my father-in-law, Mr. Albert W. Raymond. In reply to this letter I wired you last night as follows:

YOURS JULY 22 RECEIVED PHONING EMBASSY BERLIN STOP  
MRS RAYMOND WAITING IN LISBON STOP HOPING SEE  
RAYMOND HERE ON WAY

In point of fact I afterwards thought it wiser to write to the Embassy, and have done so this morning. I gave them the information of the whereabouts of Mrs. Raymond and stated how anxious we are that he be allowed to come through this country on his way. This is important for two reasons, firstly that I have the money necessary for the cost of the trip and secondly that we be able to talk together before his final departure concerning his property and business which he must leave behind in France. In any case, I have asked the Embassy to be kind enough to let me know when they have some definite information.

After your first letter telling of Mr. Raymond's probable release if he accepted to return direct to the States, I had the Consulate at Zürich telephone to Berlin but at that time they had no real news except that it was likely that the German authorities would repatriate all the American prisoners together.

With many thanks for having kept us so well posted as to the progress of this affair,

Very truly yours,

Eugene M. Sheldon.
Dear Mr. Tomson,

We will acknowledge your request of July 20th concerning the coming release of my father-in-law, Rev. Mr. Tomson. I am writing to say that I was unable to go to your office last Saturday, but I am due to arrive here tomorrow morning. I hope to see you then.

Yours truly,

Raymond W. Haymond
Iberia, New York

In the meantime, I would like to introduce myself. I am the son of Mr. Haymond, who is a prominent businessman in the town. I have been interested in the work of the Rainbow Association for some time and I am writing to introduce myself to you. I am interested in the work of the association and I hope to be able to help in some small way. I have a good education and I have been a member of the Rainbow Association since it was founded.

After your father-in-law's release from prison, I would be happy to assist in any way possible. I have some contacts in New York and I am willing to use them to help in any way possible. I have also been a member of the American Legion for some time and I am willing to help in any way possible.

With many thanks for your kind efforts,

Very truly yours,

Raymond W. Haymond
Mr. Albert W. Raymond,  
Oflag IV D,  
Elsterhorst.

Dear Mr. Raymond:

I am pleased to inform you that I have just received a telegram from your son-in-law in Switzerland, Mr. Sheldon, stating that Mrs. Raymond is already waiting in Lisbon, that Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon hope to see you on your way through Switzerland, and that Mr. Sheldon was about to telephone the American Embassy in Berlin regarding the details of your journey.

Vice Consul Morris of this office will probably visit your camp again in about a week and in the event that you are still there will bring some extra food etc. with him.

Very truly yours,

Alfred R. Thomson  
American Consul General
I am pleased to inform you that I have just received a letter from Mr. Alpert, M. Raymon, at the American consulate in France, regarding your interest in gaining further information about the American consul in Switzerland. Mr. Raymon has written in French that he has made arrangements to send you the necessary documents to facilitate your interest in obtaining the American consulate in Switzerland. He has also mentioned that he will be happy to assist you in the process.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

American Consul General
AMERICAN CONSULATE

Dresden, Germany, July 25, 1940.

Mr. Eugene Sheldon,
13 Rosenbergerstrasse,
Zug, Switzerland.

Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of
July 24, 1940, regarding your father-in-law, Mr. Albert
Raymond.

I have been pleased to transmit a letter to Mr.
Raymond informing him of the contents of your telegram.
In a letter received yesterday at this office Mr.
Raymond stated that he has received several packages
from you, and despite the fact that he will probably
be released very shortly, he suggests that you con-
tinue to send such packages as you may be able to.

In the event that you should telephone the
American Embassy in Berlin I suggest that you ask to
speak with either Mr. Patterson or Mr. Knox, as these
two officers are handling the details of Mr. Raymond's
case.

Very truly yours,

Alfred R. Thomson
American Consul General
The Foreign Service
of the
United States of America

American Consulate

Dear Mr. Hopkins,

I am the Chargé d'Affaires of the American Legation in Berlin and I have received several telegrams from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs advising me of your recent appointment to the post of the Secretary-General of the American Legation in Berlin.

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter of appointment, dated July 20th, 1940, and I shall be glad to send you any necessary papers that you may require.

I am also pleased to inform you of the contacts of our office in Berlin and how many opportunities are available for you to conduct your business.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

American Consul General

American Government

July 30th, 1940
Berlin, Germany, July 27, 1940.

The following telegram has been received from the American Legation at Bern which is quoted for your information:

"Two weekly bus services operated by American Express and Blenk and Fert both Geneva now available from Geneva to Cerbere (French Spanish frontier). Train service from Cerbere to Lisbon tolerably good with sleeping car from Barcelona. Sale of places in buses for both services closes each Monday evening before departure at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday. Price of transportation only is 150 Swiss francs. Heavy baggage must be deposited at bus agencies by 5 p.m. Tuesday. Fifteen kilograms carried free, excess one Swiss franc per kilogram. French Consul Geneva authorized to issue transit visa to American citizens already possessing Portuguese and Spanish visas and presenting introducer letter from our Geneva Consulate. Whenever possible advisable that passports be validated for transit through France, Spain, Portugal and Portuguese and Spanish transit visas obtained before departure from place of residence."

The following additional information concerning travel has been received by mail from the American Consul General at Helsinki, Finland:

"Your memorandum correctly states that the steamers from Petsamo to the United States are sold out months in advance. The Thorden Line, a Finnish company with headquarters in Helsinki, endeavors to maintain a fortnightly service from Petsamo, but the port facilities there are so inadequate that it is impossible to maintain a scheduled service. The two largest vessels on this run are the Matilda Thorden and the Carolina Thorden which take about two weeks between Petsamo and New York, while the other Thorden boats take about three weeks. The two ships named have good passenger accommodations for twelve persons each and the other ships have a smaller number. However, all of these ships have been carrying a much greater number of passengers up to 150 or more. It is understood that sleeping accommodations
The following message has been received from the American Legion of Berlin which is due for your in-
formation:

The following information, which constitutes part of the agreement on the evacuation of American citizens, has been received from the American Embassy of Berlin:

Two weekly synagogues operate in Germany. Each has a number of members and faithfully
provide for their spiritual needs. The first synagogue is located on the corner of Strasse des 17. Juni and
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accomodations are arranged on cots in the between-decks cargo space. The passage from Helsinki to New York costs approximately $220. It is necessary to leave Helsinki about four days before the sailing of the ships and passengers go immediately on board as there is no hotel in Petsamo. Passengers go from Helsinki to Rovaniemi by train and from there to Petsamo, a distance of 551 kilometers, by bus. The Thorden Line informed us this morning that they cannot promise any passages prior to December."
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cannot promise any base or base at 300. December.
Chicago—July 29, 1940

Dear Jane,

I have just received your cable saying Helen is with Haigh in Cairo, and Al is still prisoner and Berlin embassy knows you have $700 for his trials.

Before giving you more news let me say I received your letter of June 23 rd and very much appreciated your letter and admired your attitude. The letter made me feel that I would not be making much of a sacrifice if I took you into my business. I think you would prove valuable rather than a liability.

I think that I am just now introducing a new product which could used some good selling effort to good advantage so I had
a rather good showing as well. Enclose circular on the product which I
think you will find interesting. You do not use many of these values
in Europe but there is a replacement market in the United States of perhaps
1,500,000 per year—mostly in large cities like New York,
Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit.
Regarding Al and Helen
we read in newspapers AP
Berlin July 22 that Germany
was holding Al and other
drivers for failure of MARCUS
CLARK (possibly MARQUIS) to obtain
funds for his passage home.
His dispatch stated that
KING, COSTER, SHIPLEY, WEHRLE, RAYMOND
and JUMP were the ones being
held on this account.
His dispatch, together with
my knowledge of money
drawn by Albert and sent
Dear, [Recipient's Name],

I hope this letter finds you well. I'm writing to update you on the progress of our project. As you know, we have been working on expanding our market reach and we have made some significant strides in recent weeks.

We have added several new clients and are in the process of finalizing a few more contracts. This expansion has been crucial in increasing our revenue and we expect to see even more growth in the coming months.

Furthermore, we have also been working on improving our internal processes. We have implemented a new project management system that has streamlined our workflow and allowed us to be more efficient in our operations.

I appreciate your continued support and look forward to sharing more updates with you soon.

Best regards,

[Your Name]
to you made me feel that Albert would NOT welcome any attempt on our part to send additional funds. I felt he might not want to accept his release on condition he be sent to America and that he had demonstrated his ability to get funds if he wanted them.

Under date of July 24th (about) James W. Johnson of A.V.A. Corps New York wrote my mother, quoting telegram from U.S. State Department saying Germans had indicated willingness to release Albert Raymond and that cost of transportation via Genoa, Barcelona, Lisbon was almost 310 and state department would accept remittances for transportation through embassy Berlin.
Johnson went on to urge mother to send this money at once saying, "We are informed that until this is done, Albert W. Raymond will be held, and not only will he be held but also a group of seven men who are delayed through his not having the necessary funds."

Mother was frantic of course and insisted that I arrange to send the money as Johnson urged. Up till this time I have had no reply from the State Department to my letter of transmission which went with the remittance on July 25th.

Today I am sending copy of your wire to the State Department Washington to complete their files, am also sending copy to Johnson in W.H.
Past experiences make me feel confident that Albert can communicate with us or with his bank, when he wants to do so, and now that your cable tells us Helen is with Haig's care line. Counsel of Labor I am confident she can communicate with us.

I also fear that any actions we might take on behalf of others of them could easily interfere with their own wishes. Consequently it will not be my purpose to do anything further until we hear from one of them or from you. Will you please be sure to communicate with me if there is any action which you think
I don't understand the context or the content of the text on the page. It appears to be a handwritten letter, but the handwriting is difficult to read.
It is advisable for me to take at any time either for Helen, Helyn, or for you and Jean. While I would in no way want to influence your decision to remain in Switzerland or return here, I would like to have you feel that there would be a rather natural feeling for you here in connection with my new role as offered to me recently leaving to create an opening. You would have to work hard but I am satisfied from your letter that this would not be a hardship for you.

As you know Helen Jylker and her three children arrived about two weeks ago.
and are now at Lake Geneva Michigan with Jeannette at our summer cottage.
Grandmother Raymond left for Los Angeles Saturday evening and will arrive in Chicago tomorrow morning July 30.
Jack graduated from college the same day and is now working in an airplane factory at San Diego California.

You will have to excuse my spelling and my writing this in long hand because my secretary is on her vacation.

My very best regards to all of you and to El and Helen if you see them.

Fred C. Raymond
Eugene M. Sheldon
Rosenbergstrasse 13
Zug, Switzerland

Sir:

Your letter of July 25, 1940, concerning the possible release of your father-in-law, Albert W. Raymond -- present address Oflag IV D -- is hereby acknowledged and the request that Mr. Raymond upon repatriation be allowed to travel by way of Switzerland en route to New York City is noted.

Present plans call for a homeward journey through Switzerland to Lisbon by your father-in-law and during this trip the opportunity should present itself for you to see him. It may be advisable for you to so advise Mrs. Raymond who, I understand, is now in Lisbon awaiting passage to the United States.

Unfortunately I am unable to give you at present the exact date of Mr. Raymond’s departure since he will be travelling with other American citizens similarly situated. I shall, however, inform you by telegram of the day and the route of his journey through Switzerland when both are determined.

Very truly yours,

Jefferson Patterson
First Secretary of Embassy

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMERICAN EMBASSY
Bern
July 26, 1940

Dear Mr. Blank,

I have received your letter of July 22, 1940, concerning the
possibility of your residence in this country.

It seems that we can arrange for your residence, but the
question of your letter of July 22, 1940, is still under
consideration. We will be in contact with you as soon as
possible.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter of July 22, 1940, for your
information.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Peter Blank
American Consul

P.S. For further information, please contact the American
Embassy in Bern.
WESTERN UNION NIGHT LETTER ANSWER PREPAID
PHONED FROM WINNETKA ILL. JULY 30, 1940 10 PM

HELEN RAYMOND HOTEL METROPOLE LISBON PORTUGAL
SENDING ONLY FIVE HUNDRED TOMORROW STOP IF YOU NEED MORE
PLEASE STATE PURPOSE AS WE ARE UNDER HEAVY EXPENSE STOP
GENE HAS FUNDS FOR ALBERT AND WE HAVE DEPOSITED FOUR HUNDRED
WITH STATE DEPARTMENT WASHINGTON FOR HIS TRANSPORTATION
MOTHER IS HERE ALSO HELEN TAYLOR AND CHILDREN LOVE
FRED RAYMOND

WESTERN UNION NIGHT LETTER ANSWER PREPAID
PHONED FROM WINNETKA ILL. JULY 30, 1940 10 PM

GENE SHELDON 13 ROEHEBERGSTRASSE ZUG SWITZERLAND
DOLLARS
HELEN CABLED FROM LISBON ASKING TWO THOUSAND WITHOUT EXPLANATION
STOP I THINK THIS INADVISABLE AND CABLED WE WOULD SEND ONLY FIVE
HUNDRED TOMORROW AND MORE LATER IF SHE WOULD EXPLAIN PURPOSE STOP
PLEASE WIRE APPROVAL OR SUGGESTION
RAYMOND

RCA RADIOGRAM RECEIVED CHICAGO JULY 30, 1940 7.08 AM
C38/JUL16 WRHHD LISB0A 21 30 1117 DEV CK OTC
FIRCO CHICAGO ILL. PLEASE ARRANGE WITH HARRIS TRUST TO SEND ME
TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS HOTEL METROPOLE LISBON WRITING
HELEN RAYMOND
Telegram from: Lisbon

Before tomorrow and more later if she would explain purpose stop please wire approval or suggestion

Answer night letter prepaid = Raymond +

NLT = RP 8.76 = Gene Sheldon 13 Rosenbergstrasse Zug

Explanation stop I think this inadvisable and cabled we would send only 500 dollars without

Gene Sheldon 13 Rosenbergstrasse Zug

8.76 13 2000 500 +

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F. J. -
Answered January 31

Helen probably needs funds to purchase passage herself on the ship. Have wired asking her intentions so we have money for all. AGREE you await explanation.

Postanweisungstelegramme ermöglichen einen raschen und sicheren Geldverkehr. Auskunft am Post- oder am Telegraphenschalter.

Le mandat télégraphique est un moyen rapide et sûr d’envoyer de l’argent. Renseignements aux guichets des postes et des télégraphes.

Il vaglia telegrafico è un mezzo rapido e sicuro per l’invio di denaro. Informatevi agli sportelli della posta o del telegrafo.
Mrs. Helen G. Raymond  
Hotel Metropole, Lisbon, Portugal  

July 31, 1940

Dear Helen,

It was good indeed to have your letter of July 23rd from Lisbon. This went to Pasadena where Lida opened it since Mother had left. She sent it on to me and I got it yesterday at my office and took it out to Mother last night at Lilla. You must have been through very trying experiences and we only hope there will have been some bright spots in it that will be fun for you to remember after it is all over.

This morning I have a letter from Ambulance corps New York saying Raymond and Shipley will provide funds for return of Marcus Clark so that release of the whole group can be expected soon. We have known Clark was without funds and would have offered to pay this if it had not been that I feared Albert would not like it. I feared our doing so might force Albert to come direct to America against his wishes and possibly without you. Furthermore I knew Albert could get money for himself and for Clark through Harris if he wanted to.

In reply to your cable for $2000 I sent you the enclosed reply and have just sent the $500 through Harris today. This went through the Bank of London and South Africa and they were to notify you at Hotel Metropole. I sent only $500 because the original $2000 is still held by Harris to cover checks which you might have drawn through Morgan Paris. I have today ordered that the Morgan be cancelled by cable so that this $2000 can be released for other uses. In the meantime Mother is short of funds and so are all the rest of us. However we can always take care of your emergency requirements if you will explain them.

Helen Taylor arrived about three weeks ago with her three children and is now at Torch Lake with Jeanette. All are well and we are charmed with the three children and also Helen. She arrived with only $30 Canadian dollars and without expectation of receiving anything from Dick while she is here. Lillian guaranteed support of the whole family including education until age 16 as a requirement for their entry into the United States.

Mother arrived yesterday from Pasadena and is now with Lillian in Winnemucca. She is in good health although she is tired from the worry of the last few months. On account of this Lillian and I are called upon to act for her in practically all matters although we discuss everything with her in an effort to ascertain her wishes and act accordingly. She has not been conserving of her means so that Lillian and I have the problem of conserving her residue for her.

We have not yet had any definite indication that it was yours and Al's wish to return to America although this mornings letter from the Ambulance corps would indicate that this is Al's intention. We still do not know whether this will mean that the Sheldons will want to return. If you are still in Lisbon when this letter arrives it would be a great help to us to have you tell your plans and wishes for the future are even though they will of course be only tentative and subject to change. At least we will be able to help you better if we know what your wishes are.

All of us send love and hope this will find Albert with you so you can give him our love too.
Kriegsgefangenenpost
Postkarte

Dtag IV D
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geprüft

An MRS E. M. SHELDON

Gebührenfrei!

Absender:
Vor- und Zuname: A.W. Raymond
Gefangenennummer:
Lager-Bezeichnung: Oflag IV D
Deutschland (Allemagne)

Empfangsort: ZUG
Straße: Rosenbergstrasse 13
Land: SCHWEIZ
Landesteil (Provinz usw.)
Dear Sean, I heard Helen has gone to Lisbon. She will have a long wait as we don’t expect to leave her for a few days yet. Keep sending packages just in case of unexpected delays although it really looks as though I cannot see you this time next week. We hope you stand...