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Sir !

Although I have not the honour of being acquainted with you I, nevertheless, take the liberty of asking you for a favour.

You will certainly be aware of the distress the Jews living in Germany are in. Their despair is constantly growing as, on the one hand, they are compelled to emigrate while, on the other hand, the foreign countries refuse to receive them or put impracticable conditions.

Therefore there is no other way out for many of them than to appeal to the kind - heartedness of American citizens that they may render it possible for the applicants to come to the States by giving them an affidavit.

I was born on November 27th 1881 at Mähr.-Neustadt, Moravia as the son of Mr. Jakob Katscher and Mrs. Henriette Katscher, born Horowitz, and am thus in my 58th year. My father was the owner of a brewery, and later on, of a factory. Already in 1890 my family moved to Vienna, where I, after having finished my studies and obtained my diploma as a doctor of Law at the Vienna University, established myself as a lawyer in the year 1912. I carried on this profession for 26 years and succeeded in acquiring a respected position both in my professional life and in the Vienna society.

The change of affairs in Austria, however, as well as the introduction of the race - laws forced me, like all the other Jews, to give up my profession, whereby I lost my means of living and the fruits of a 26 years hard work. In this way I undeservedly got into distress and there is nothing else to do for me but to build up a new existence abroad. I hope that, with the aid of friends in America, I shall succeed in doing

so, especially, as I am a bachelor and thus need care only for myself but not for a family as well.

I have the good will, the energy and a number of practicable business ideas, and I may be entrusted with some foreign agencies for America. The only difficulty is that I possess no affidavit.

You would, therefore, do a good deed if you had the great kindness either to give me an affidavit yourself or to induce one of your friends to do so.

Indeed, the giver of an affidavit would incur no expenses whatever as I will easily be able to earn my living and the giving of an affidavit is a mere formality.

My personal data are as follows:

- 1.) Dr. Ernst Katscher, born on November 27th 1881 at MAHR.-Neustadt, Moravia, citizen of Vienna, mosaic, single, formerly lawyer. Address: Vienna IX., Porzellangasse 13.
- 2.) Father: Jakob Katscher, born 1840 at Brarek, Moravia, died at Vienna on August 2nd 1926.

- 3.) Mother: Henriette Katscher born Horowitz, born 1849 at Neu-Rausnitz, Moravia, died at Vienna on March 10th 1939.

I beg to most heartily thank you in advance for kind affirmative reply.

I remain

Yours most sincerely

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