My dear Mrs. Schaufuss,

Your kind letter of December 21st reached us just before Christmas and gave us a very happy feeling as it informed us about the fact that our calls will find that same fine and good resonnance in future times which they had in the past.

It was no ill-will of ours that we did not answer Mrs. Padula's friendly letterasking us for a report as to our economical situation. It was but for want of time and lack of ability of concentration that we did not write her. It would be very kind of you if you should tell her of this our attitude.

Mrs. Padula's letter was caused, as we assume, by my request for money to Mr. Jordan. We were not able then to pay the costs of the Richmond examination. Since Dr. Krumbholz sent \$ 25. - for examination fee and since the rest of my expenses will probably be repayed, we shall not need extra money. Moreover, we hope that the opening of the practice will furnish us with some more means putting us in a position of buying some urgently needed furniture.

In the very moment when I sat down to write this letter, your yesterday's word arrived here and brought to us the kind Christmas gift for which all of us send you our sincere thanks. As to you, we most heartily and sincerely hope that you had a few calm days during the Christmas time enabling you to be entirely on your own. No day has passed by without our being reminded of you, and, even to our children, your name and your kindness and their significance to us have been very familiar.

Once more our thanks for your help in 1939 and all good wishes to you for 1940!

Most sincerely and respectfully yours,