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Dr. Heinz Meyer
Konnarock, Virginia

Dear Dr. Meyer:

I was so happy to have a word from you and to read your splendid report on the work you are doing. It is such a comfort to know that you have really found your place in life again and that America little by little is becoming your new home in the full and complete sense of the word. I was sorry to hear that Margrit was so sick. I do hope that by the time this letter reaches you there will be no more traces left of her pneumonia.

What am I to tell you about myself? Since August, and my return to work, everything is running the old way, with nearly as much work to do as before, with my dictating my letters to a dictaphone over the week-end, as today, because the days in the office are so crowded with interviews, telephone calls and various urgent matters, that one really hasn't the time to sit down quietly to one's desk and answer one's correspondence during working hours.

At first in August and September it was pretty hard for me to pick up the work and to adjust myself to life in New York after my three months vacation. In fact, there were moments when I thought I would have to give up social work altogether and do something entirely different. You as a doctor know only too well that 28 years of work with human beings, ~~being~~ at their sick beds or in social work, is such a strain on one's nerves that one often feels that it is time to rest and do something entirely different. But on the whole I should not complain. I am getting on very well, and the work itself, although at times so hopeless and distressing, still gives you a feeling of it being worth while whenever you really get something done.

Please never force yourself to write to me or think that you should do so out of politeness, and do not think that if I do not write to you I am less interested in your fate than I was before. I will never forget the good long talks I used to have with you and Mrs. Meyer, and who knows but that some day we will again meet in this wide world and will tell each other many things that it takes too long to write about but that we know will be of mutual interest to us all, if, and whenever we meet again. If ever you come to New York be sure to look me up. With best wishes to the whole family.

Very cordially yours,

Tatiana Schaufuss
(Mrs.) Tatiana Schaufuss, Supervisor
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