

February 25, 1940

My dearest child,

Since your letter of January 1st I have not heard a word from you, but thank God, Bubi writes regularly. I receive the letters in fairly good time so that I know to my great joy, that you sent him money twice and the black coat, over which he cried tears of happiness. Just think, when he writes to me that he cried with happiness, how bad off he must have been to have to run around in his raincoat, not withstanding the cold. I thank you with all my heart, for you gave me such joy too. Now I know, even without letters, that I have a beloved child who thinks of us. Maybe you can write to someone in Switzerland, Holland, Sweden or Italy, as the mail from there comes through. My secretaries always write via Holland as they have someone there. You could write to Blochs, Sarphatistraat 55 Amsterdam. Dr. Lippmann Bloch is the only one still living and would enjoy hearing from you, as well as receiving a picture. To think that I will be 50 years old on Saturday and may not have any news from you makes me sad. Do you remember last year? You sent a cable with the news that Franz passed his exams. What is the matter now? Think of all the things that interest me and I must know in order to make life worth living, and I receive no news of any sort. Oh, before I forget! I have received for the third and probably last time some coffee from Mrs. Halberstamm, out of the money that Franz had sent for you. At first I received some butter and cheese which I did not want as I do not care about them, only coffee I need. I am very careful with it, but always give some to Auntie, who also gets some from Tokyo, and give Pollack a cup at lunchtime, he needs it badly with his nerve wracking job. Thank God, the cold weather has abated somewhat for the last 3 days. It was unbearable, but now things are a little easier to take. If only I some news,

I have not heard from Dr. E. who is in Venzuela. He seems to write via North America and so it doesn't arrive here. It is terrible and I am worried about him.