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My dear Uncle Gustav!

You can not believe the pleasure your letter brought to me. I thank you sincerely it was like my Father had written to me which he did very often and I miss that very much. God the master may keep you in good health so I can look forward to receiving mail from you. It seems like you have the same ailment that my father had, he also complained about stomach problems; he got some relief by taking a home remedy Natron (baking soda) maybe it can help you too. I can not come to terms with that my parents are no longer here.

I hope all your children were with you for Christmas; it is wonderful to be together with loved ones. We were alone; it was a sad holiday, without all the things we used to have in the past. Well, my dear uncle we only have the one son and I thank God that I only have the one otherwise I would have had more sorrow if I had to send more to war. I see how sad my sister Berta is, she had 6 children of which one son died in combat in 1943, from her 2 sons, one daughter and son-in-law as well as her husband she knows nothing about their whereabouts, are they alive or imprisoned. She is with her 19 year old daughter alone in our East Prussia. Mail from there does not get here very often, mostly it gets lost, here is her address if you decide to write her a few lines, and maybe it will get there.

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If she could only get out of there and I could live together with her it would be much comfort to me; it would also be better for the girl they really have to suffer/get assaulted by the Russians; some Russians have settled the area maybe they will let us return, its like one way or the other, we are forgotten we live in a state where we don't know what we will eat today or tomorrow always this weak/meager food, no hope of change for the better until some day all will come to an end. I still have no news about or what happened to Uncle Friedrich and his wife and if they are still alive; we have no way of finding out, we do know he is not in Berlin. He was bombed out and left Berlin and now it is so difficult to find someone.

But then dear Uncle we are very pleased that you sent us something for that we thank you in advance we hope we will receive it; is it for us a great help since you are the only one that provides us with assistance. God the Master may keep you for a long time so we have at least some hope. I can only show my gratitude to you with God Bless you.

Hopefully this letter finds you in the best of health greetings to you as well as to your children and Aunt Helene your nice Anna and Adolf,