

Berlin March 28, 1947

My Dear Uncle Gustav!

We want to thank you sincerely for your dear letter which we received a few days ago but I was unable to answer right away since as I told you already that we had the good fortune to welcome our son Werner back home; and now I have many tasks at hand, I had to wash and mend all the things he was wearing so at least he will look clean and put together, it is just like it was with my husband, the poor soldiers return home and find nothing to wear, our liberators liked it and took it all; unfortunately there is still nothing available to buy and so they walk around looking like beggars, my son has been here for 4 weeks and still has not been given any ration cards for groceries; everything is being made so difficult and we sometimes do not know where to turn. No potatoes, I have bought as much bread as I had money for to supplement but now that is coming to an end, not even one pound can we have.

My sister Berta will be very happy to receive your note but it will take a long time to get there, I received a letter from her that took three months to get here. She wrote that she is doing very badly they have nothing to eat there and no money either, but they hope that in the spring they may be able to leave; hopefully it will come true.

No additional information have been reported on the death of Aunt Augustin except for the small article I am enclosing with this you can read it, a lot more money had been taken. Nobody really knows how much she had because she traded on the black market, which is forbidden, one should not talk bad about the dead and I do not intend to do so, the last time I and my husband visited her when she was still alive, I begged her to stop, she had enough to get by with what the shop brought in, she said yes, yes she would stop, but then she continued now she had to pay with her life. The thieves knew exactly what she had.

Now I will close, to you dear Uncle and all your loved ones sincere greetings from your nice Anna and Werner and also husband.