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My Dear Uncle Gustav!

Once again I will write to you a few words; it always takes forever until something reaches you. I found a picture of my family; my parents and the family of my sister Berta. I hope it brings you a little bit of joy; I am sure you have a different memory of your brother; the picture was taken in the year 1939, we were all still happy and content and were celebrating the engagement of my niece, the daughter of Berta; where has it all gone, so many are no longer with us. I will try to explain the picture to you; hopefully you will be able to understand me.

I will mark the ones that are no longer living with a cross; in the first row seated are mother and father; on father's lap is his great-grandson, mother in the middle, next to mother seated the mother-in-law to Berta, I am standing behind mother, to my right is my niece Martha, it is her engagement we are celebrating; behind her, her present husband; we do not know where they are or if they are still alive, we have heard nothing. To my left is my husband and next to him Berta's husband; on both sides their sons, both were killed in the war; behind my niece to the outside, is Berta's oldest son, he is still in French captivity, will we, the ones who are left ever see each other again.

None of us any longer look like in the picture, at that time we all looked pretty well, today we look like ghosts. The picture was taken in our old East Prussia, in the yard of Berta's place.

Dear Uncle, hopefully you understand me and were able to follow me in the picture. Then I want to tell you that last week I had a summons to the County Court in Weissensee in the matter of Emma Augustin; I was very surprised. I was questioned regarding the people she knew and the folks she may have come in contact with and so forth. I could not tell them anything since I have no idea who came and went, and the black market dealers who supplied her I do not know either; she was very secretive about that. I wish for myself that the murderer will be caught and brought to justice.

So, that is all for today, I hope these lines find you in good health and I remain with heartfelt greetings your niece Anna and Adolf as well as Werner.

Sincere Greetings to Aunt Helene and all your loved ones.