

Berlin April 5, 1947

Most Esteemed Mr. Klettke^a

I received your letter today, April 5, thank you. In reading your letter I have to surmise that you have already been informed by family Stegewald^b, about the vicious act; sadly, as to this hour the perpetrator has not been apprehended. We have hope that someone will be found soon. The police is intensely searching; without much success.

We still have no communication from my cousin Herbert; we assume that in January 1945, Herbert was killed in or around Krakow, Poland, or that he was captured by the Russians and is still held in Russian captivity. We have enlisted/thought the help of many different agencies for missing Germans without any luck. I will write to you immediately should Herbert make contact, or encourage Herbert to write to you personally.

Once again to Aunt Emma; after her cremation she was laid to rest on February 22, 1947 next to her husband, Uncle Fritz. Her memorial service took place in the Cemetery Chapel on Shoenstrasse in Weissensee. Ave Maria and a solemn farewell hymn were played during the service, as she had always wished in life

The inheritance for Herbert is set aside; in the not to distant future^c a Notary will take over the custody of the documents so that if and when Herbert returns he will be taken care off. This custodial arrangement will stay in effect until 1951, after which a death certificate will be issued if he has not returned at that time. Should this be the case, the inheritance will then be divided among the nearest relatives so no unlawful heirs can profit, as has been implied by some customers.

We were not able to keep the store running; we did not even have enough money to pay the rent from the revenue generated at the present time.

With your permission I would like to continue our correspondence; I have a number of questions regarding the U.S.A. which I will go into in my next letter.

Yours truly,

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^c Reference; see court document May 10, 1947

