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Erika Mann

February 8, 1950

Mr. Victor Jacobs
Galef and Jacobs, Law Offices
22 East 40th Street
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Dear Mr. Jacobs:

No sooner am I in the possession of your friendly communication of February 6th than I hasten duly to reply.

No, I had not assumed desertion on your part, but rather pictured you in Mr. Shaughnessy's stead vacationing at Hialeah Park in Florida. In the meantime my faithful sister, Mrs. Elisabeth Mann-Borgese, 2154 Hyde Park Boulevard, Chicago, put in a long distance call to Senator Benton in Washington. Said solon, she reports, feels sentimentally regarding our whole family, including myself, and proved most anxious to voice that "good loud protest" which you had been asking for. Upon request I composed another "statement" which my experienced kid sister thought a peach and forwarded to Benton. The Senator, she remarks, is not as intelligent as his mother might have wanted him to become: but then, as we all know intelligence is a most damaging attribute these days. And his "contacts" are allegedly beautiful.

Let me hope that I have done no wrong. It seems, though, that it couldn't do any particular harm to attack the thing on two different levels, - one in New York, and one in Washington. What would have been bad - I should think - would have been the meeting of two Senators in front of the closet where they keep all the dirt on me. This has been deftly avoided. Kempner is out. And so is Javits. Manfred George (the "Aufbau" guy) informs me that only a letter by my father to Truman could help. I don't believe a word.

One question though. If we apply for a re-entry permit, do we, for the time being and until my return from abroad, drop the citizenship matter? If this should be the case I'd rather not now apply but fight it out before I go. That seems to be all for the moment.

As ever with a choice variety of nice greetings,

Yours

P.S. Enclosed please find copy of that "statement" for
Senator Benton.

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