

Gümligen, February 15th 1977
Holzackerweg 7

Dear Mr. Hardee,

First of all I would like to tell you how sad I am about Joan's death. Of course I had no idea, otherwise I wouldn't have written to her. Then many thanks for your nice letter and specially for the beautiful book which arrived last week. Thank you ever so much. With great pleasure I read the book and admired the lovely pictures. It is really Joan as she was and lived.

It seems to me you have been very lucky to find a nice wife and marry again. I am sure it was the only possibility to keep the family together, specially for little Nell, who was, I am sure very lonely after the death of her mother.

May be one day I will need you and your advise. I had an uncle in Texas who died some years ago. When I was in the States I went to stay with him for some times, I am glad, because it was the last time I saw him.

After his death and his last will all the sisters in law still alive and his nieces and newnes inherited some of his fortune. My mother is still alive and gets 100 \$ a month, which was at the beginning much more! Once she passed away the rest still there, will be divided between my brother and myself. The money is on a bank in El Paso Texas.

Now my question will be once my mother died, would it be better to come and get this money in the States because of the bad change? Will I be able to take out the money or do I have to use it in the States? If I take the money out of the country, do I have the same bad change as if it will be send? I have no idea how much will be left, because this depends of the life of my mother. She is now 84 and not in good condition, but I do hope she will live a few more years.

From time to time the bank is sending letters on which we don't understand one word, even at the banks here they don't know what they mean exactly. But it is of not so much importance as the money comes regularly and this is a great help for my mother, as she has not much money. From time to time they send some more money, we don't know why.

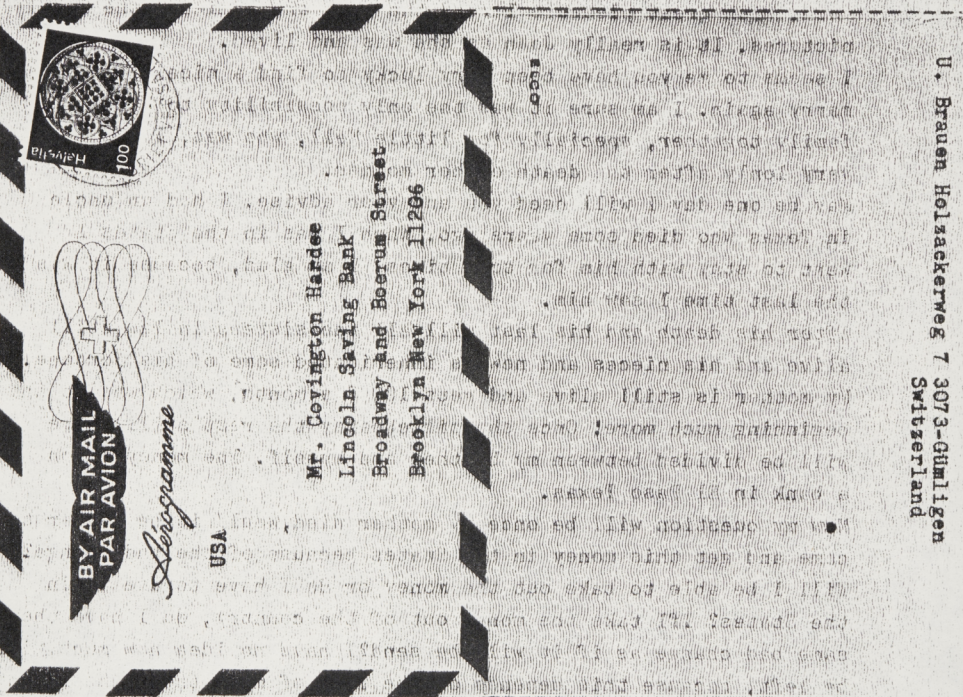
Excuse me to bother you with these personal things, but as you are a banker I thought the time coming you would be able to help

me. I don't like to write to the bank El Paso as I don't know them.

You don't put your private address so I am sending this letter to your bank.

Many thanks again and best regards

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