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HQ British Troops Berlin.
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Mr. Lindsay.
Wilton Park Training Centre.
Near Beaconsfield.
Bucks.

Dear Mr. Lindsay,

You may not remember me, I was a member of the I.V.S.P. relief team in Berlin when you were head of the Education Branch of the Military Government here, but I am sure you will remember my fiancé Rudolf Franzkowiak, and it is about him that I am writing this letter.

At first we intended to marry here and live in Berlin, but since Rudi was arrested in August 1946 by the Russian authorities in Dresden, where he was on an official election tour as Youth representative for the CDU in the Russian Zone, and spent three months in a Russian Military prison, and now that the situation in Berlin has become so uncertain, we felt that we should try to move to the British Zone. But I have now discovered that it may be possible for us to get permission for him to come to England, and for us to get married there, and that perhaps the Home Office might grant permission for him to stay in England.

This would be an ideal solution for us, as in the British Zone we have nothing, but in London I have my home, my Mother lives alone and has plenty of room for us, and could help us financially until we could find our feet. I feel sure Rudi could get a job, because we are willing to work hard and to do almost anything!

You will be wondering when I am coming to the point of this long letter, but the favour I am wanting to ask is whether you could write a letter of recommendation to the Home Office in the next few days. Our application for Rudi to come to England to marry, and perhaps to stay permanently is being sent in from here, and naturally "Herr Franzkowiak" means nothing to them in London. It would be such a tremendous help to have a letter from someone who knows him, and who could say that he is a desirable person to have in England.

His address in case you need it for reference is : Berlin-Tiergarten, Essener Strasse 16

I should be so grateful if you could do this, it means so much to us.

Yours sincerely,

Betty Dinwiddy