

Konz, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1948

Dear Family Lorang

Certainly you will be very astonished to get a letter of an unknown personality. If the old Mister Lorang would be living, he would surely remember of my parents, for some years ago, he wrote very often to us, but later on, we did never hear something from another. My mother does come from the same village, were your father has been born, (*John was actually the first child in the family born in the United States of America*) of Rivenich, and the name of my mother is Madame Schiffhauer born Blasius. In those times my mother has sent to you the watch of the house of his parents at Rivenich. Still to-day we possess many pictures of you, and that you may find for Y speaking the truth, I shall lay someone of these pictures this letter. Also my mother has found the death on the occasion of an attack of airoplanes and our house has been destroyed. My father and my husband are new building this house. In these days you may axcuse that I come with the circumstances of living are very bade to-day with us in Germany. As we know that many people are getting parcels from there, I thought sending you my address, perhaps You will find somebody who may do a good deed. I cannot imagin how glad I would be receiving also a day a parcels with goods. I have three boys of five, eleven and 12 years of age. These boys are always hungry and it is very hard for a mother not being able to five somewhat to eat for their children.

The day I have found the pictures I have thought that must be a finger of our good Lord. And as I have still your address. I take it for my duty to write you these lines, not for me or my husband, but for my three boys.

I would very glad to hear something from you. You may write in English. We know a man who understand your language who is able to give us a translation.

For today I will send you my best greetings from the home of your father and I and all my family we are remaining.

With our heartiful wishes

Your *Frau Kort*

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