

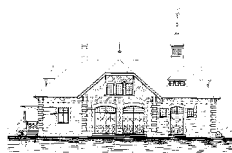
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## **Banking and Enterprise**

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The Foundation for Economic History Research within Banking and Enterprise was established in 1994 for the purpose of promoting research into economic history, esp. business history. With this end in view, the Foundation collects, organizes and manages the historical archives of Stockholms Enskilda Bank (1856-1971) and its Management, as well as those of other companies and foundations closely associated with that bank. In 1994-1995, these historical archives were transferred to refurbished premises close to the Villa "Täcka Udden" at Djurgården in Stockholm.

The archives have been made available for research within those areas supported by the Foundation. Since the 1950's these archives are among the most useful and well-used for different business history monographs. Sources from here form the basis of a long series of research.

In order to provide information about its archives, the Foundation has decided to issue a series of publications on the theme Bank and Enterprise. The series will be published mainly in English and present the results of research, which to an essential extent is based upon the archives of the Foundation.

A more detailed, up-to-date information about these matters can be obtained via the Internet. The web-service of the Foundation may be found under <http://wallenberg.org/arkiv>.

Marcus Wallenberg  
Chairman



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## Preface

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Ever since 1945, when Raoul Wallenberg was captured and brought to the Soviet Union, public interest in his life and fate has been intense and a great deal of literature has been written on the subject. «*Älskade farfar!*» (*Beloved grandpa!*), for example, contains letters between Raoul Wallenberg and his grandfather, G O Wallenberg, dating from the period 1924-1936. There is also an enlarged American edition, *Letters and Dispatches*. The Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs has published a vast collection of documents, most recently in electronic form.

The letters that this volume contains will thus serve as a supplement to earlier publications. In certain respects, however, these letters are different, presenting new angles. In particular, they illustrate the relations between Marcus Wallenberg Sr, his two sons Jacob and Marcus Jr and Raoul Wallenberg.

A few of the letters have been published before, but most of them are previously unknown to the general public. This is for example true of the letters that Raoul Wallenberg wrote while in military service and when he described his business dealings on behalf of his relatives at the Stockholms Enskilda Bank. It may therefore be assumed that they can be of value to future research.

This is the reason for which the Foundation has decided to make the documents available in the series of publications of the Foundation for Economic History Research within Banking and Enterprise.

Our warm thanks to Björn Norrbom, who is responsible for the English translation.

*Stockholm, October, 2000*

*Gert Nylander      Anders Perlinge*

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## Genealogical Table

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A O Wallenberg  
(1816-1886)  
Founded Stockholms Enskilda Bank in 1856

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K A Wallenberg (1853-1938) Managing Director of Stockholms Enskilda Bank. Foreign Minister of Sweden 1914-1917	G O Wallenberg (1863-1937) Sweden's Envoy to Tokyo and Constantinople	Marcus Wallenberg Sr (1864-1943) Managing Director of Stockholms Enskilda Bank
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Raoul Oscar Wallenberg (1888-1912) Naval officer	Jacob Wallenberg (1892-1980) Managing Director of SEB	Marcus Wallenberg (1899-1982) Managing Director of SEB
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Raoul Wallenberg  
(b. 1912)  
Secretary of the Swedish  
Legation in Budapest

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## Background

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Raoul Wallenberg was born on 4 August, 1912. In accordance with family tradition his father, Raoul Oscar Wallenberg (b. in 1888), had become a naval officer. During an expedition, however, he fell ill and died of cancer three months before the birth of his son. In 1911 he had married Maj Wising, who remarried Fredrik von Dardel in 1918.

Raoul Oscar's father, Gustaf Oscar Wallenberg, was one of the sons of the founder of Stockholms Enskilda Bank. He was a trained naval officer but participated in the family business and was a member of the Board of Directors of the bank. During the 1890s he co-operated with his brothers, Knut and Marcus Wallenberg, who were the Managers of the bank. After a breach in the relations with the brothers, he went his own way. As a politician, he was particularly interested in trade and shipping. In 1906, he was appointed Swedish Envoy to Japan and China.

On 23 April, 1912, Marcus Wallenberg Sr wrote to his brother Gustaf as follows: "I should have written to you a long time ago, but the sad subject has kept me back. I feel truly sorry for you, if you now will lose your excellent boy. It should be a poor consolation for you that he has behaved like a hero the whole time and felt more compassion for his family than for himself. I have visited him now and then in order to divert him through conversation. Unfortunately, there is nothing one can do for him. The morphine is now his best friend."<sup>1</sup>

Raoul Oscar Wallenberg was obviously seen with a certain measure of respect within the Wallenberg family. At least in the autumn of 1912 his cousin Jacob Wallenberg - during a conversation with his uncle Knut and his father Marcus Sr - was given to understand that after the death of Raoul Oscar he was the one of the next generation that was closest to a position within the family bank.<sup>2</sup>

The fatherless Raoul was brought up under the supervision of his grandfather, G O Wallenberg, who became responsible for his education. He got the opportunity of developing his artistic features and was sent to the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, U.S.A., where he graduated as an architect.<sup>3</sup> His grandfather and his mother, Maj von Dardel, were very eager to find work for Raoul within the bank. Raoul also spent one month as a trainee in a branch office just before he was called up for military service at the Infantry Regiment I 3 at Örebro, some 200 km west of Stockholm. These efforts were regarded with scepticism by his uncle Marcus Sr, who thought that Raoul Jr was garrulous,<sup>4</sup> which caused a crisis in the relations between these two brothers, not the first nor the last one.

As early as February 1935 Marcus Wallenberg Sr had asked his sons about their opinion on Raoul Jr. At the same time he said that as for himself he would not mind seeing Raoul in the bank, provided he was qualified enough.<sup>5</sup> After the sons had discussed the matter Marcus Jr wrote the following to his father: "We are of the opinion that we should see him and find out how he has developed after all these years abroad."<sup>6</sup>

In November 1936, Marcus Wallenberg Sr apparently made Raoul Jr a proposal to go to Germany to visit a zip-fastener factory, more as a kind of gesture. Raoul accepted, seemingly eager and interested.<sup>7</sup> Also Jacob and his brother Marcus showed kindness to Raoul by writing letters of introduction for him and by initiating him into certain business transactions of minor importance that never were realised.<sup>8</sup>

Later on, Jacob Wallenberg gave Raoul access to his wide network of business contacts in order to help him establish himself in a professional position somewhere in the world. Raoul's grandfather had passed away in 1937, during a visit to Sweden. In the meantime, Raoul was put to the test on the so-called Huvudsta Project, which was carried out by the real estate company Fastighets AB Valvet, one of the subsidiary companies of the Wallenberg Group. In his capacity as a trained architect he composed a 13-page long memorandum, dated 3 August, 1939, on the exploitation of the Huvudsta area, which is situated in close vicinity to Stockholm. But at the time of the outbreak of the war in 1939, Raoul did not have any permanent position neither within the Wallenberg Group of companies nor with the Stockholms Enskilda Bank.<sup>9</sup>

Instead, through Jacob Wallenberg's network, Raoul was put in contact with Koloman Lauer, a Hungarian-Jewish businessman. Soon enough, Raoul was made both a partner and international manager of Mellaneuropeiska Handels AB, a Sweden-based import and export firm which was part of the Salén Group of companies, specialising in foodstuffs.<sup>10</sup> It was also thanks to Koloman Lauer that Raoul was appointed Secretary to the Swedish Legation in Budapest in 1944.

In May, 1944 Jacob and Raoul Wallenberg helped Koloman Lauer to become a Swedish citizen.<sup>11</sup> Later that year Raoul asked Jacob, through Lauer, whether or not there was any job available for him after his return from Budapest. Lauer had also asked Jacob Wallenberg to intervene with the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs in order to secure Raoul's journey back to Sweden, where he was needed in the firm. Lauer said that he carried a certain moral responsibility for Raoul, since he had made him accept the mission in Budapest. Jacob subsequently contacted Gösta Engzell of the Ministry, who informed him that Raoul was enjoying political immunity in his capacity as Legation Secretary. Engzell promised to write to Raoul in order to find out how he looked upon his work in Budapest and when he wished to return to Stockholm.<sup>12</sup>

In December 1944, Lauer wrote to Jacob Wallenberg to tell him that he had received a letter from Raoul in Budapest. According to this letter, Raoul intended to stay in Budapest for a few more months after the Russian occupation in order to set up an international association for the restoration of Jewish assets. In his opinion, he was unable to leave quickly, if he had to travel via Russia. He kept asking whether he could count upon working within the Huvudsta Project after his return to Sweden.<sup>13</sup> On 17 January, 1945, Raoul Wallenberg was seen for the very last time in Budapest.

Koloman Lauer's next letter to Marcus Wallenberg is dated in April, 1945. It is obvious that Lauer wishes to brief Wallenberg about the background of Raoul's mission in Budapest. The same day Marcus Wallenberg sent a letter to the former Soviet Envoy in Sweden, Madame Alexandra Kollontay, regarding Raoul's disappearance.<sup>14</sup> Marcus

Wallenberg knew her in person, not least through the secret peace negotiations on the Second Finnish War in February, 1944, in Stockholm, in which Marcus Wallenberg had played an active role as intermediary.<sup>15</sup> Regrettably, after being rapidly brought back to Moscow by Stalin, Madame Kollontay had lost her influence by this time. Marcus Wallenberg's letter was never answered.

Up to September, 1947 Koloman Lauer stays in touch with the Wallenberg brothers, after which their personal relations seem to have come to an end. It goes without saying, however, that the disappearance of Raoul Wallenberg mystifies the two brothers for the rest of their lives.

It is above all Maj von Dardel, Raoul Wallenberg's mother, who initiates the investigations into his fate. Jacob and Marcus Wallenberg were not in a position to play the same active part. This is also the reason for which there is no documentation on such inquiries in the historical records of the bank. The Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs has continuously kept the brothers informed about the matter.

Probably in 1980, during his last summer in life, Jacob Wallenberg wrote an undated memo on his dealings with Raoul Wallenberg and on his own efforts at making security arrangements for Raoul during his time in Budapest. At a Raoul Wallenberg hearing in Stockholm in January 1981 Marcus Wallenberg, the year before his death, referred to a brief visit to Stockholm by Raoul Wallenberg in 1944. Nina Lagergren, Raoul's half-sister, wrote a letter to Marcus Wallenberg asking him for further details about the matter, apparently without receiving a reply.<sup>16</sup>

ett är ge arbete åt andra arbetare för  
att kontrollera dessa bostäder. Detta vänt  
uppräger troligen av skadan ästadkomman  
genom att undvika att samtidigt  
förbättra förhållandena för den allra fattigaste  
slumbefolkningen, för vilken 90% av alla  
mord och värre brott i Detroit utgörs, genom  
att försämma villkoren för de husägare  
vilka fört lynde bostäder åt de arbetare  
vilka efter projektets fullbordande komma att  
flytta dit och slutligen genom att  
ge stater och därigenom skattebetalarna  
en ökad skuldbörda.

Helstingarna till din fru.

En god jul tillönskan dig  
tillgiven

Raoul Wallenberg

1021 Hill St.  
Ann Arbor  
Mich.

1. Facsimile of letter from Raoul Wallenberg to Marcus Wallenberg Jr 17 December, 1933, written during his time of study at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, U.S.A. (11)

Amerikabrev 9/1934 ✓

Kära Dodde,

Tusen tack för de två rekommendations-  
brev, som säkerligen komma att bli  
av mycket nytta för mig nästa  
gång jag far till New York. Jag  
har redan varit där en fyra, fem  
gångar och vistats hos mina  
släktingar Colvins som bo i Greenwich,  
Conn.

Som du säger är det mycket  
intressant att vara i Amerika

2. Facsimile of letter from Raoul Wallenberg to Marcus Wallenberg Jr 9 February, 1934. Young Raoul finds it interesting to be in the United States during the period of economic depression. (16)

Wallenberg Raoul			Herl'	
1937	1/11 28	1941	NS 17/9	1944
MW 25/3	" 15/8	1/11 26	SE 23/9	1/11 28
1/11 29	" 10/9	RC 29/7	" 24/9	" 31/1
" 28	" 13/9	R/ 19/9	RC 28/11	" 2/2
" 5/10	" 11/9	1/11 19/9		" 9/2
" 2/10	" 12	" 12/11	1943	" 9/10
1947	1940	1942	MW 5/2	" 5/16
7/12	1/10 5/1	SE 29/6	1/11 4	" 14/6
" 9/12		MW 13/2	SE 29/7	" 15/6
" 23/12		" 20/2	RC 27	" 15/6
1948		" 20/2	" 25/12	
RC 28/1				

3. SEB's index card noting the visits of Raoul Wallenberg, 1937-1944. (56)



STOCKHOLM 19/12 1944

*Handwritten initials*

Bankdirektör Jakob Wallenberg  
Stockholms Enskilda Bank AB  
Stockholm

Från Raoul fick jag idag ett brev, daterat 8 december i Budapest, vari han meddelar följande.

Han ämnar stanna i Budapest några månader efter ryska besättningen av staden och bilda en internationell förening för återställandet av judisk egendom; han antar, att han i alla fall inte kan komma iväg så snart, om resan skall gå över Ryssland.

Samtidigt ber han mig fråga Eder, hur det blir med hans plats i Huvudsta, när han nu kommer att stanna borta ytterligare några månader. Då Raoul ber mig telegrafera om saken, vore jag mycket tacksam för ett meddelande så snart som möjligt.

Jag ber vid detta tillfälle att få tacka Eder för det stöd, vi så tillmötesgående lämnat mig i samband med min ansökan om svenskt medborgarskap.

Med önskan om en God Jul och ett Gott Nytt År

Eder

*Handwritten signature*

4. A dispatch from Koloman Lauer to Jacob Wallenberg 19 December, 1944, informing him of Raoul Wallenberg's plans for the near future. (46)



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## The Documents

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The documents published in this volume may be seen as complementary to earlier publications of private correspondence and other sources of information regarding Raoul Wallenberg.<sup>17</sup>

In this publication the documents are reproduced in their original language to the left and - for the convenience of the reader - in English translation to the right. The documents are presented in chronological order.

Most of the original documents form part of the historical records of Stockholms Enskilda Bank and its leaders, who were also members of the Wallenberg family. A few letters are from other private records of Wallenberg family members, for example those of Amalia Wallenberg, the wife of Marcus Wallenberg Sr.

### 1. Handwritten letter from Raoul Wallenberg to Amalia Wallenberg.

Stockholm 25.5-27

Kära faster Amalia

Jag ber att få tacka så mycket för den verkligt flotta presenten. Farfar har varit nog snäll att bjuda mig på en englandsresa under en mr. Charleston. Min planerade tysklandsresa blir alltså inte av. Mamma har idag återställt den vackra blomman som hon rövade från farbror Jakob.

Ännu en gång ett hjärtligt tack från faster värdsamt tillgivna  
Raoul Wallenberg

### 2. Handwritten postcard from Raoul Wallenberg to Amalia Wallenberg.

Det är icke på det snobbiga stället på andra sidan som jag vräker mig utan jag bor mera anspråkslöst en mil därifrån.

Fru Marcus Wallenberg  
Strandvägen 27  
Stockholm  
Suède

Thonon les Bains  
23.7.29

Kära faster Amalia!

Som faster kanske vet bor jag i sommar i Frankrike för att lära mig franska. Jag har haft turen komma på ett alldeles utmärkt ställe, där jag har det bra på alla sätt. I synnerhet är undervisningen i språket utmärkt. Tusen hjärtliga hälsningar till faster och till farbror Marcus från tillgivne

Raoul

### 3. Handwritten letter from Maj von Dardel to Amalia Wallenberg.

Stockholm den 21.5. 1930

De hjärtligaste lyckönskningar till 35-årsdagen.

Kära Faster Amalia

Som det var avsett gladde mig Fasters ytterligt vänliga brev alldeles ofantligt. Examensdagen var underbar. Faster Siri och Henry representerade familjen W. vid middagen. Det var dock stor saknad att faster Amalia ej var med. Nunne var så söt och var nere och tog emot honom liksom Farbror Fredrik (verkligt rörande) Faster Lily, Beatrice, Berit, Carol m.fl. m. fl. Raoul är överlycklig åt sitt arbete i banken som han började med dagen efter examen för att han skulle kunna vara där en månad innan tjänstgöringen vid Svea garde i Örebro börjar. Faster Amalias klocka följer honom troget alla dagar. Han håller just på att uttrycka sin tacksamhet i brevform. Det är så roligt att träffa Colvins som äro här på några veckor mellan Elsas kurer i Bad Eilsen. Hennes ögon äro mycket dåliga. Det är så tråkigt. - Utställningen har vederbörligen avnjutits. Dels öppningsdagen då Faster Siri hade familjemöte på Sirishof. Henry infann sig med sin lilla icke officiella. Hon såg söt ut. Jag är mycket tacksam att hava blivit påmind om Marys lysning. Faster har ett disciplinerande inflytande på mig även på avstånd. - Även vi nordbor kunna förena oss i Fasters lovsång över våren och dess härlighet. På Sirishof hade syrenerna stora knoppar; hägg och slån och kastanjer blomma. Tusen kyssar från Fasters Maj.vD.

1. Translation from Swedish.

Stockholm 25 February, 1927

Dear Aunt Amalia,

I wish to thank you so much for the very fancy present. Grandfather has been so kind and treated me to a trip to England under a Mr. Charleston. The trip to Germany that I had planned has thus been cancelled. Today, Mother has put back the beautiful flower that she stole from Uncle Jacob.

Once again, my sincere thanks to you from your very affectionate  
Raoul Wallenberg

2. Translation from Swedish.

It is not at the snobbish place on the other side where I lounge about instead I am staying in a more unpretentious way six miles away.

Mrs Marcus Wallenberg  
Strandvägen 27  
Stockholm  
Suède

Thonon les Bains,  
23 July, 1929

Dear Aunt Amalia!

As you may know I am spending this summer in France in order to learn French. I have been lucky enough to get to an excellent place, where I am having a good time in all respects. In particular, the language instruction is excellent. Receive one thousand cordial greetings for you and for Uncle Marcus from Your affectionate,

Raoul

3. Translation from Swedish.

Stockholm 21 May, 1930

Many Happy Returns of the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Dear Aunt Amalia,

As intended, your very friendly letter made me extremely happy. [Raoul's] Examination day was wonderful. Aunt Siri and Henry represented the W. family at dinner, although Aunt Amalia's absence was deeply regretted. Nunne was so sweet and went down to receive him just like Uncle Fredrik (really touching), Aunt Lily, Beatrice, Berit, Carol and many others. Raoul is very pleased with his work at the bank, which he started the day after his examination in order to make it possible to stay there for one month before his service at the Svea Guards Regiment in Örebro will start. Aunt Amalia's watch is his loyal companion every day. He is just about to express his gratitude by letter. It is so nice to meet the Colvins, who are here for a couple of weeks, between Elsa's cures in Bad Eilsen. Her eyes are very bad. That is so sad. – We have duly enjoyed the exhibition, both the opening, when Aunt Siri had arranged a family meeting at Sirishof. Henry turned up there with his little unofficial one. She looked sweet. I am very grateful that you reminded me of Mary's banns. You have a very disciplinary influence upon me, even at a distance. – Also we, the people of the North, can join you in your song of praise of spring and its glory. At Sirishof, the lilacs have large buds; the bird-cherry, sloe and chestnut trees are blooming. A thousand kisses from your Maj.vD.

#### 4. Handwritten letter from Raoul Wallenberg to Amalia Wallenberg.

Stockholm 21.5.30

Kära faster Amalia!

Jag ber att få tacka faster så mycket för den vackra armbandsklockan och för det vänliga kortet från Vichy. Det är verkligen skönt att ha en klocka som inte bara går och står omväxlande och dessutom väcker en mitt i natten genom obefogade, panikartade ringningar utan också visar rätt tid och ser trevlig ut att ha på sig.

Det känns behagligt att ha slutat skolan. Nu har man åtminstone ledigt på kvällarna och slipper bekymra sig om morgondagen. Farbror J. var vänlig nog att sätta mig i förbindelse med bankens personalchef, som gav mig en plats vid ett avdelningskontor. Jag har en ovärderlig nytta av arbetet, dels därigenom att jag får en flyktig inblick i bankrörelses yttre former och olika grenar, dels därigenom att jag får klart för mig vad kontorsarbete vill säga, och hur man bör vara beskaffad för att gå iland med sådant.

Även banken har haft synnerligen stor nytta av mitt arbete i dess tjänst. Redan efter tredje dagen kunde jag i mina räkenskaper peka på en direkt vinst av 21.000.000 kr. för banken. Det visade sig dock senare att vinsten delvis var resultatet av några 'obetydliga' räknepel.

Mina skolbetyg har jag ännu icke fått och går därför omkring i en ringa men dock spänning. Själva studentexamen var så gott som enbart skojig, och jag skulle gärna vilja göra om den (förutsatt, naturligtvis, att faster ger mig en likadan klocka då med). Det var verkligen tråkigt att inte faster kunde komma på middagen.

Utställningen har öppnats och den är i det stora hela underbart vacker, men det finns naturligtvis mycket som är överdrivet eller ofullgånget.

Jag hoppas att snart få höra något definitivt om farfars planer, och jag skulle tycka det vara bra, om hans önskan att bo kvar i Konstant.[inopel] inte bara är dikterad av vanans makt.

Ännu en gång tusen tack för fasters vänlighet och många hälsningar från den blivande kaputten i familjen, tillgivne

Raoul

#### 5. Handwritten letter from Raoul Wallenberg to Marcus Wallenberg Sr.

Stockholm 21.5.30

Kära farbror Marcus!

Jag ber att få tacka för den vänliga lyckönskningen efter min studentexamen. Farbror Marcus' vänlighet och intresse är givetvis för mig en stark sporre att göra mitt bästa på den eller de banor, som jag kommer att beträda, och jag hoppas att icke behöva bli den, som drar familjenamnet i smutsen. Det var tråkigt att farbror icke var i Sverige vid tiden för min studentexamen och därför icke kunde närvara på min middag. Det hade varit mig dubbelt kärt att se farbror Marcus på den, då jag under de närmaste åren väl icke ofta kommer att vara i Stockholm och därför icke får tillfälle att träffa min släkt. Många hälsningar från mig och mina föräldrar.

Farbrors tillgivne Raoul

#### 6. Handwritten letter from Raoul Wallenberg to Amalia Wallenberg.

Givet i Örebro 29.7.1930 e.k.

Kära faster Amalia!

Jag arbetar med iver och stor patriotisk självupppoffring på landets försvar, knallar fram och tillbaka i skogarna gör höger och vänster om osv. osv. På det hela taget är jag ganska nöjd med tillvaron fast roligare skulle man ju möjligen kunna ha. Jag har haft tur med både befäl och kamrater, bl.a. bor en pojke Arfwedson i samma logement som jag. Han är son till Enskilda Bank-Arfwedson och mycket trevlig. Vi har haft ganska många marscher, men mest tycker jag om skjutningen, i synnerhet den med så kallat kulsprutegevär. Maten är nog inte särskilt god men i alla fall utomordentligt efterlängtat, kanske delvis på grund av att man måste stå i kö en kvart för att få den. Jag kommer om en vecka att uppleva den utsökta sensationen att vara avlösningbefälhavare på min födelsedag.

#### 4. Translation from Swedish.

Stockholm 21 May, 1930

Dear Aunt Amalia!

I wish to express my sincere thanks for the beautiful wristwatch and for your kind card from Vichy. It is really nice to have a watch that is not just working and stopping by turns and even waking you up in the middle of the night through unwarranted, panicky ringing, but that also shows the correct time and is nice-looking on the wrist.

It feels good to have finished school. At least evenings are free now and one doesn't have to worry about tomorrow. Uncle J. was kind enough to put me in touch with the Head of Staff of the bank, who offered me a position at one of the branch offices. This is of invaluable use to me both because I get a superficial insight into the external workings and various lines of banking and because I get to realise what office work means and what qualities one should have to manage such work.

The bank, too, has profited a great deal from my work in its service. As early as on the fourth day of work, I was able to show a direct profit of 21,000,000 kronor for the bank in my accounts. It turned out later, however, that this profit to some extent was due to a 'minor' calculation error.

I am still waiting for my school report and am therefore in a state of minor, but nevertheless, excitement. The studentexamen (approx. G.C.E. at A level) as such was practically all great fun and I would like to do it once again (provided, however, that you would give me the same wristwatch again). I was really sorry that you could not make it and come to the dinner.

The exhibition has been opened. On the whole, it is wonderfully beautiful, although there are of course many things that are overdone or incomplete.

I hope that I will soon hear the final word about Grandfather's plans and I would welcome it, if his desire to remain living at Constant.[inople] were not only dictated by the force of habit.

Once again, a thousand thanks for your kindness and best regards from the future Head of Family. Your affectionate,

Raoul

#### 5. Translation from Swedish.

Stockholm 21 May, 1930

Dear Uncle Marcus!

Thank you for your kind congratulations on my 'studentexamen' (approx. examination for the G.C.E. at A level). For me, Uncle Marcus' kindness and interest are of course a strong stimulus to do my very best in the career or careers that I will choose and I hope that I shall not be the one that drags the name of the family in the dirt. I was sorry that Uncle was not in Sweden at the time of my examination and therefore was unable to attend my dinner-party. It would have been particularly nice to see Uncle Marcus at that dinner since I suppose that, during the next few years, I will not come to Stockholm very often and will therefore be prevented from seeing my relatives. Best regards from me and my parents.

Your affectionate Raoul

#### 6. Translation from Swedish.

Written in Örebro, 29 July, 1930 A.D.

Dear Aunt Amalia!

I am working with zest and great patriotic self-sacrifice, defending my country, pushing off, back and forth in the woods, doing right and left turns, etc. etc. On the whole, I am rather satisfied with my situation, although one could possibly have a little more fun. I have been lucky with both officers and fellow-soldiers. For example, there is a boy named Arfwedson in the same barrack-room as myself. He is a son of Enskilda Bank-Arfwedson and very pleasant. We have had quite a few marches, although I like shooting best, particularly with so-called light machine guns. The food is not particularly good, although extremely longed for, possibly in part because one has to queue up for a quarter of an hour to get it. In a week, I am going to experience the exquisite sensation of being relief officer, on my birthday.

Avlösningbefälhavare låter mycket ståtligt, men ordet döljer avgrunder av obehag. Det innebär att jag under ett dygns tid varannan timme skall leda vaktavlösningen över hela kasärnen och sedan nästa dag utan sovpass fortsätta mitt ordinarie arbete. Men det är bara undantagsvis det är så mycket att göra.

Det var roligt att farbror Jakob tog hem så många segrar med Refanut. Jag följde med intresse seglingarna i tidningen fast jag måste säga att det retar en att kungligheten har det så illa ställt att de måste anlita Erik Åkerlunds båt som fortskaffningsmedel.

Den utmärkta klocka faster gav mig efter studentexamen fungerar till stor belåtenhet.

Enskilda Banken är en bättre arbetsgivare än Kronan. Här får jag endast 50 (femtio) öre om dagen och ändå riskerar jag varje minut min egen hälsa\* och andras liv (när jag skjuter).

Jag överraskades häromdagen av farmor som bjöd på en god middag och var mycket snäll och vänlig.

Hjärtliga hälsningar till Faster, Farbror Marcus och Jacob  
från tillgivne Raoul

Befälseven 43 Wallenberg  
4/1 Stud komp  
I. 3  
Örebro

\* När man dricker 9-10 liter vatten om dagen så .....

## 7. Handwritten letter from Raoul Wallenberg to Amalia Wallenberg.

Örebro 17.8.30.

Kära Faster Amalia!

Många tack för fasters långa, vänliga brev på min födelsedag, som glädde mig mycket i min ensamhet. Kanske är ensamhet för mycket sagt, när man bor säng i säng med sina medfångar. En tredjedel, troligen den bästa, av exercisen har nu gått och jag väntar med spänning på hur det skall bli att krypa omkring i dikena, när dessa äro vattenfyllda. Dessförinnan kommer jag emellertid hem, och det är just nu ett allt annat överskyggande evenemang.

Den sista tiden har annars ur militär synvinkel varit synnerligen rik på sådana överskyggande evenemang. Översten inspekterade vår pluton, och nu är en överste något, som nästan överstiger en soldats fattningsförmåga av storhet och höghet. Faster kan därför förstå att hans ankomst förebådades av många mystiska ceremoniel, bl.a. av tre timmars putsning av skodon och gevär. Översten kom, såg och grymtade. Det i mitt tycke mest spännande momentet i de eldstrider, som ordnats för överstens nådiga inspektion, var, när han själv, som väger en 100 kg, skulle taga sig över det ett par meter breda dike, som vi andra fick plumsa över, bäst vi kunde. Elden inställdes och hela plutonen höll andan när översten spatserade över den lilla bro, som löjtnanten efter tio minuters fjolligt letande lyckades uppdriva.

Regementet går emellertid från klarhet till klarhet. Häromdagen hade vi besök av ingen mindre än armerfordelningschefen, general Lilliehöök. Gradskillnaden mellan honom och översten framgick tydligt av att besöket föregicks av en ännu längre persedel- och vapenvård.

Häromdagen gick prisskjutningarna av stapeln och jag lyckades skjuta mig till det militära silvermärket för skjutning med något, som betecknas med det enkla ordet eldhandvapen. Det är en ganska lindrig utmärkelse, men jag är nybörjare på området och därför ganska nöjd.

Ännu en gång tack. Hälsa Farbror Jakob och Farbror Marcus. Helt säkert kommer jag och hälsar på under den vecka i början på sept. då jag har ledigt.

Många hälsningar från Fasters tillgivne Raoul



Relief officer sounds very imposing, but this word conceals abysmal inconvenience. It means that I shall lead the relief of all the barracks every second hour during 24 hours and continue regular work the following day, without sleep. However, it is only in exceptional cases that one has to do that amount of work.

I was pleased to learn that Uncle Jacob brought home so many victories with Refanut (his sail-boat). I followed the yachting regatta through the papers, but I have to say that, it is annoying that the royalty is so badly off that they must use Erik Åkerlund's boat as their means of conveyance.

The excellent watch that you gave me for my studentexamen works fine and gives me great satisfaction.

As an employer, Enskilda Banken is superior to the State. Here, I only receive 50 (fifty) öre a day, in spite of the fact that I am risking my own health \*) every minute and the lives of others (when I shoot).

Grandmother surprised me the other day, treating me to a good dinner. She was very nice and kind.

Best regards to Aunt, Uncle Marcus and Jacob

from your affectionate Raoul

Officer Cadet 43 Wallenberg  
4/1 Student Company  
I.3  
Örebro

\*) When you drink 18 to 20 pints of water a day, you.....

## 7. Translation from Swedish.

Örebro, 17 August, 1930

Dear Aunt Amalia!

Many thanks for your long and kind letter on my birthday. It made me very happy in my loneliness. Loneliness is perhaps too strong a word, when you live, bed by bed, with ones co-prisoners. One third of my military service, probably the best part, has now passed and I am anxiously waiting to see what it will be like to creep around in the ditches, when they are full of water. Before that, however, I will come home, which right now is an event that overshadows everything else.

From a military point of view, recent times have otherwise been extremely filled with such overshadowing events. The Colonel inspected our platoon. Now, a Colonel is something that almost surpasses a poor soldier's comprehension in terms of greatness and highness. You will therefore appreciate that his arrival was preceded by many mysterious ceremonials, including three hours of polishing of boots and rifles. The Colonel came, saw and grunted. In my opinion, the most exciting part of the exchange of fire that was arranged for the Colonel's gracious inspection was when he himself, weighing some 220 pounds, was to cross the ditch a couple of yards' wide that the rest of us had to go across splashing as best we could. The fire was stopped and the whole platoon held its breath when the Colonel strutted across the little bridge that the Lieutenant had managed to procure, after ten minutes of silly searching.

The Regiment, however, goes from strength to strength. The other day no less than General Lilliehöök, Army Division Chief, paid us a visit. The difference in rank between him and the Colonel became very apparent from the fact that his visit was preceded by yet a longer period of kit and weapon cleaning.

The other day, the shooting competition took place and I managed to get the military silver badge for shooting with something that is referred to by the simple word fire-arm. This is a rather simple distinction, but, being a beginner in this area, I am rather satisfied.

Once again, thank you. Give my best to Uncle Jacob and Uncle Marcus. I will not fail to come and visit during the week in early September when I will be off duty.

Best regards from your affectionate Raoul

8. Postcard with printed text from Raoul Wallenberg to Oscar Wallenberg.

[postmarked 10.12 1932]

Wallenberg  
710 [...] St  
Ann Arbor  
Mich.  
U.S.A.

Herr Oscar Wallenberg  
Villagatan  
Stockholm  
Sweden

Hello! and Merry Christmas!  
A plain old wish, but still,  
You know behind the sending  
Is friendship and good will!

from Raoul

9. Telegram from Knut and Alice Wallenberg to Raoul Wallenberg.

Telegram 4/8 1933

W a l l e n b e r g

Michigan University

Ann Arbor /Michigan, U.S.A./

Best wishes

Knut Alice

10. Telegram from Amalia and Marcus Wallenberg Sr to Raoul Wallenberg.

Telegram 4/8 1933

W a l l e n b e r g

Michigan University

Ann Arbor /Michigan, U.S.A./

Best wishes

Amalia Marcus



## 11. Handwritten letter from Raoul Wallenberg to Marcus Wallenberg Jr.

Erie Des [sic!] 17 1933

Besv. 8/2-34.

Kära Dodde,

Jag befinner mig nu på tillfälligt besök hos Ernest Behrend som vid ett tillfälle tycks ha haft nöjet att vara din gäst i Stockholm. Jag mötte honom i Chicago under världsutställningen och har sedan varit här två gånger. De tala ofta med förtjusning om sitt besök i Stockholm. Jag har också träffat en pojke M<sup>c</sup> Donald som var med dem. De skicka sina hälsningar. Jag är nu på väg till Greenwich, Conn., där jag ämnar tillbringa julen med mina släktingar Colvins.

Amerika imponerar mycket på mig. Människorna äro naturliga och glada, gästvänliga och lätta att komma överens med. Jag har sett mycket av landet under mina två somrar här och känner en del folk. Om du kan öka min bekantskapskrets genom att skicka ett par adresser vore jag naturligtvis mycket tacksam.

Det är mycket intressant att på platsen iakttaga resultatet av NRA-rörelsen. Entusiasmen var i början oerhörd men har nu avtagit betydligt. Men jag tror att den europeiska pressen har överskattat denna omsvänging [sic!]. Roosevelt's personliga popularitet är fortfarande enorm, och han har naturligtvis bakom sig alla dem som fått arbete sedan den 4 mars.

Det tyckes vid en ytlig iakttagelse, som om en hel del av de pengar som nu öses över landet av regeringen i avsikt att öka köpkraften, i stället ökar massan av dött kapital i form av byggnader och annat, som därför kommande generationer av skattebetalare komma att få avbetala. I Detroit till exempel kommer the Civil Works Administration att använda 150 miljoner till att bygga 2 kvadratmiles fulla med hus för arbetare. Men den befolkning som kommer att fylla dessa hus komma att flytta från, tömma och ruinera andra bostäder runt om det nu bebyggda området. Och den fattiga slumbefolkning, som nu bor där kommer att tvingas ut i så kallade "plighted areas" det vill säga slum i så dålig kondition att ingen kan leva där. Den slutliga vinsten blir därför mycket liten ty den består endast i att man till en viss klass arbetare ger bostäder för något mindre hyra än förut och dessutom i att man under ett år ger arbete åt andra arbetare för att konstruera dessa bostäder. Denna vinst uppväges troligen av skadan åstadkommen genom att underlåta att samtidigt förbättra förhållandena för den allra fattigaste slumbefolkningen, från vilken 90 % av alla mord och svårare brott i Detroit utgår, genom att försämma villkoren för de husägare vilka förut hyrde bostäder åt de arbetare vilka efter projektets fullbordning komma att flytta dit och slutligen genom att ge staten och därigenom skattebetalarna en ökad skuldbörda.

Hälsningar till din fru.

En god jul tillönskar dig tillgivne

Raoul Wallenberg

1021 Hill St.  
Ann Arbor  
Mich.

## 12. Handwritten excerpt of letter from Raoul Wallenberg to Amalia Wallenberg.

Utdrag ur ett bref från Raoul W. afsändt 12 Jan. [u.å.] från Ann Arbor till faster Amalia

"farbror Axel och faster Elsa ha kvarlämnat ett fenomenalt godt minne i Washington och jag öfverdrifver inte om jag säger att på en eftermiddag åtminstone ett hundra människor föll i hänförda paroxysmer när jag presenterades som en släkting. Fru Bristol, maka till Amiral Bristol sade att "people are so devoted to them" och fru M<sup>c</sup> Dougal, maka till en överste i U.S. Marine Corps sade att "they were charming people and we all admired them so". Hos systrarna Patte, som bestå av fyra gamla snälla, men något okonventionella damer och som utgöra Washingtons officiella mottagningskaj för vilsekomna utlänningar, blev det allmänt jubel och folk fick tårar i ögonen när de tänkte på "the former Swedish Ambassador"

11. Translation from Swedish.

Erie Des [sic!] 17, 1933  
Answered 8/2-34.

Dear Dodde,

Right now I am on a chance visit with Ernest Behrend, who seems to have had the pleasure of being your guest in Stockholm on one occasion. I met him in Chicago, during the World Exhibition, and have been here twice since then. They often speak with enthusiasm about their visit to Stockholm. I have also met a boy M<sup>c</sup> Donald at their house. They send you their greetings. I am now on my way to Greenwich, Conn., where I intend to spend Christmas together with my relatives, the Colvins.

I am very impressed by America. People are natural, happy and hospitable and easy to get along with. During my two summers here I have seen a lot of the country and I know some people. I would of course be very grateful, if you could expand my circle of acquaintances by sending me a couple of addresses.

It is very interesting to follow the results of the NRA movement on the spot. At the beginning, the enthusiasm was immense, although it has now decreased to a significant extent. But I believe that the European press has overestimated this swing. Roosevelt's personal popularity is still enormous. Naturally, all those who got jobs since 4 March stand behind him.

It seems to me as if a great deal of the money with which the Government is now showering the country in order to increase purchasing power is rather building up dead capital in the form of buildings and other things, which future generations will therefore have to pay off. In Detroit, for example, the Civil Works Administration will spend 150 million on building 2 square miles full with houses for workers. But those who will fill these houses will empty, ruin and move away from other houses around the built-up area. The poor slum dwellers that now live there will be forced out to so-called "plighted areas", which means that they are in such poor condition that nobody can live there. The ultimate gain is therefore very small, since it means that houses are given to a certain class of workers at a little lower rent than before and that work is offered to other workers for the construction of these houses during one year. This gain is probably offset by the damage caused by the failure to improve the conditions of the poorest slum dwellers at the same time, who account for 90 % of all murders and major crimes in Detroit and also by worsening the conditions of those house-owners who used to rent out houses to the workers who will move there, once the project is completed, and finally by increasing the debt burden of the state, and thus the taxpayers.

Greetings to your wife.

I wish you a Merry Christmas

Your affectionate

Raoul Wallenberg

1021 Hill St.  
Ann Arbor  
Mich.

12. Translation from Swedish.

Extract from a letter from Raoul W. sent on 12 January [year unknown] from Ann Arbor to Aunt Amalia

"Uncle Axel and Aunt Elsa have left extraordinarily positive traces in Washington. I do not exaggerate if I say that in one afternoon at least one hundred people were carried away in paroxysms when I was introduced as their relative. Mrs Bristol, wife of Admiral Bristol, said that 'people are so devoted to them' and Mrs M<sup>c</sup>Dougal, wife of a Colonel of the U.S. Marine Corps, said that 'they were charming people and we all admired them so'. When they thought about 'the former Swedish Ambassador' there was general rejoicing and people's eyes were filled with tears at the house of the Patte sisters, consisting of four old and kind, although somewhat unconventional, ladies that form Washington's official reception quay for stray foreigners

13. Typewritten letter from Marcus Wallenberg Jr to Raoul Wallenberg.

den 8 februari 1934.

S.

Mr Raoul Wallenberg,  
1021, Hill Street,  
A n n A r b o r /Mich./  
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Käre Raoul,

Hjärtligt tack för Ditt brev av den 17 december, som jag ännu icke besvarat, enär jag varit alldeles överhopad av arbete av olika slag, bl.a. i form av ett kommitté-uppdrag, som den sista tiden tagit så gott som all min tid i anspråk.

Jag gläder mig emellertid åt, att Du på ort och ställe får följa den intressanta utveckling, som för närvarande pågår i U.S.A. och jag hoppas detta ytterligare ökar utbytet av Dina amerikanska studier. Med anledning av Din önskan om några adresser närsluter jag två introduktionsbrev till ett par av mina New York-vänner, vilkas bekantskap det säkerligen vore intressant för Dig att få göra, när Du kommer till New York. Den ena adressaten, Mr. Robert Lovett, är en mycket god vän till mig och partner i den gamla och ansedda firman Brown Brothers Harriman & Co., med vilken Stockholms Enskilda Bank sedan länge underhåller mycket livliga förbindelser. Mr. James Warburg, likaså mycket god vän till mig, är v. ordförande i en annan av Stockholms Enskilda Banks förbindelser, Bank of the Manhattan Company, och hans namn har Du nog sett i tidningarna under den sista tiden, ty han var finansexpert åt den amerikanska delegationen vid Londonkonferensen i somras och har även varit medlem av Roosevelts "Brain Trust".

Hjärtligaste hälsningar från oss alla.

Din tillgivne

/s/

14. Typewritten introductory letter for Raoul Wallenberg to Robert A. Lovett from Marcus Wallenberg Jr.

, February 8th, 1934.

S.

Robert A. Lovett, Esq.,  
Messrs. Brown Brothers Harriman & Co.,  
59, Wall Street,  
N e w Y o r k  
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Dear Bob,

This is to introduce to you a son of a cousin of mine Mr. RAOUL WALLENBERG, who has been travelling in your country during the last two years in order to study American conditions in general and American architecture in special.

At present he is living somewhere in Michigan, but as I think he will come to New York sooner or later I take the liberty of sending him these lines. If you would be kind enough to give him any information or the like that might help him to attain the purpose of his visit to your country I should be very glad and I thank you in advance for any kindness thus shown him.

With best regards to everybody on your side,

Yours ever,

/s/

13. Translation from Swedish.

8 February, 1934.

S.

Mr Raoul Wallenberg  
1021, Hill Street,  
A n n A r b o r /Mich./  
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Dear Raoul,

Many thanks for your letter of 17 December, which I have not answered yet since I have been overburdened with different types of work, including a Committee assignment, which has practically taken all my time these last days.

However, I am pleased that you are able to follow the interesting development that is now taking place in the U.S.A., on the spot, and I hope that this will further increase the benefit of your American studies. In reply to your request for a couple of addresses please find enclosed two letters of introduction to two of my friends in New York. I am certain that it would be of interest to you to get to know them, when you come to New York. Mr Robert Lovett is a very good friend of mine and a partner in the old and well-respected firm Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. with which Stockholms Enskilda Bank entertains very lively relations since long. Mr James Warburg, also a very good friend of mine, is Vice Chairman of another of Stockholms Enskilda Bank's correspondents, Bank of the Manhattan Company. I trust you have seen his name in the papers recently, since he acted as the financial expert to the U.S. delegation at the London Conference last summer. He has also been a member of Roosevelt's Brain Trust.

Warmest greetings from all of us.

Your affectionate

/s/

15. Typewritten introductory letter for Raoul Wallenberg to James P. Warburg from Marcus Wallenberg Jr.

, February 8th, 1934.

S.

Mr. James P. Warburg,  
Vice Chairman of the Board,  
Bank of the Manhattan Company,  
40, Wall Street,  
New York  
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Dear Jimmy,

This is to introduce to you a son of a cousin of mine Mr. RAOUL WALLENBERG, who has been travelling in your country during the last two years in order to study American conditions in general and American architecture in special.

At present he is living somewhere in Michigan, but as I think he will come to New York sooner or later I take the liberty of sending him these lines. If you would be kind enough to give him any information or the like that might help him to attain the purpose of his visit to your country I should be very glad and I thank you in advance for any kindness thus shown him.

With best regards to everybody on your side,  
Yours ever,  
/s/

16. Handwritten letter from Raoul Wallenberg to Marcus Wallenberg Jr.

Ann Arbor Febr 9 1934

Kära Dodde,

Tusen tack för de två rekommendationsbrev, som säkerligen komma att bli av mycken nytta för mig nästa gång jag far till New York. Jag har redan varit där en fyra, fem gånger och vistats hos mina släktingar Colvins som bo i Greenwich, Conn.

Som du säger är det mycket intressant att vara i Amerika just nu, troligen mer så än under goda tider.

Jag håller nu på att planera för sommaren, men som vanligt vet jag alls inte vad jag skall göra. En kamrat och jag ha överenskommit om att fara till Mexico och leva ett mer eller mindre oförfalskat naturliv. Men som det är mycket lätt att göra planer och som mina kamrater visat sig ha lätt för att få förhinder i sista ögonblicket har jag en annan i bakfickan med vilken jag skulle fara västerut igen för att försöka ta oss igenom den beryktade och skräckinjagande "Death Valley" i Kalifornien vilken är världens hetaste punkt, påstås det, och vilken man kan nå genom Nevada icke långt från "the Hoover Dam" och vilken region jag känner till. Arizona och kringliggande stater äro platser som jag längtar att fara tillbaks till mer än några andra.

Slutet på det hela blir dock, antar jag, att jag stannar här för sommar skola, och att jag sedan far till Chicago, där man möjligen kan få arbete på världsutställningen eller till New York.

Ännu en gång tack för breven. Tusen hälsningar till dig och din familj  
Raoul

1021 Hill St  
Ann Arbor  
Mich



16. Translation from Swedish.

Ann Arbor 9 February, 1934

Dear Dodde,

Thank you so very much for the two letters of recommendation, which certainly will prove very useful to me next time I go to New York. I have already been there four or five times, visiting with my relatives, the Colvins, who live in Greenwich, Conn.

As you yourself have pointed out, it is very interesting to be in America at this very point in time, probably more so than in good times.

I am now making plans for the summer, but, as usual, I have no idea as to what I should do. Me and a friend of mine have decided to go to Mexico in order to lead a more or less genuine outdoor life. However, since it is very easy to make plans and since my friends have shown that they easily get prevented from going at the very last moment I have another plan up my sleeve. According to this plan, I would go west again in order to try and get ourselves through the notorious and terrifying "Death Valley" in California, which is said to be the hottest place in the world. It can be reached via Nevada, not far away from the "Hoover Dam". This is a region with which I am familiar. Arizona, with surrounding states, are places that I long to go back to more than to any other places.

However, I presume that it will all end up with my staying here for summer school and that I will go to Chicago after that, where I could possibly get a job at the World Exhibition. Otherwise I will go to New York.

Once again, thanks for the letters and all my best to you and your family

Raoul

1021 Hill St  
Ann Arbor  
Mich

17. Handwritten letter from Marcus Wallenberg Sr to Marcus Wallenberg Jr.

Le Grand Hotel  
Cannes

d. 26/2 35

Kära Dodde!

Sthlm

Af min bror Gustaf har jag hört att Raoul d. 5 mars kommer t. Oslo.

Detta bref afser att för Dig och Jacob påpeka nödvändigheten af att Ni öfverväga huru Ni ställa Eder t. Raouls framtida bana.

Att Raoul innerst inne vill komma in i banken och där komma fram så långt som möjligt, därom är jag öfvertygad. Härom är intet ondt att säga om han har kvalifikation.

Hans farfar är af en annan åsigt. Han vill utbilda honom utomlands till en pionärbankchef. Detta är nu hans fluga. Maj Dardel som är mycket fiffigare har bearbetat farbror Knut för att R. skall komma in i banken. Jag har en l. två gånger sagt åt farbr. Knut att det ej är vi utan Ni två som uteslutande skola välja Edra blifvande medarbetare.

Jag anser det lämpligt att Jacob säger ett ord t. farbr. Knut så att han ej i hastigt mod halft lofvar en sak, som Ni ej äro med om. Det är så lätt att göra orakelmessiga löften, som man sedan får infria äfven om man ej vill det.

Vädret är mycket ostadigt, men vi golfa alla dagar.

Många helsningar

fr.

Din

s/ Pappis

18. Handwritten letter from Marcus Wallenberg Sr to Marcus Wallenberg Jr.

La Grand Hotel  
Cannes

s. 27/2 -35

Kära Dodde!

I mitt gårdagsbref glömde jag att fråga om konverteringen af Hydros 7 % något avancerat. Jacob hade en idé om någon tilläggsäkerhet i exportvalutor. Man får noga se efter om detta, enl. kontraktet med Nat. City ang. 20 milj. dollar-lånet låter sig göra, och vidare om Hydro kan riskera att göra sig af med alla säkerheter.

Sedan mitt förra bref har jag fått del af ett bref som farbr. Gustaf skrifvit till Raoul, hvaraf det framgår att Maj arbetar för att han skall in i banken.

Helsa och tacka Hr Calissendorff för hans bref. Jag har tackat Schacht.

Din

s/ Pappis

19. Extract of handwritten letter from Marcus Wallenberg Jr to Marcus Wallenberg Sr.

Stockholm 16 den 10.3. 1935

Kära Pappa!

Tack för breven om Lille-Rulle. Jag har visat dem för Jacob, som skulle tala med Farbror Knut. Vi tycka ju, att man borde se honom efter så många år och hur han utvecklats utomlands.

(...)

Puss från

s/ Dodde

17. Translation from Swedish.

Le Grand Hotel  
Cannes

26 February, 1935

Dear Dodde!

Stockholm

I heard through my brother Gustaf that Raoul will arrive in Oslo on 5 March.

The purpose of this letter is to point out to you and Jacob that it is necessary to consider how you look upon Raoul's future career.

I am convinced that Raoul in his heart of hearts wishes to start in the bank and to go as far as possible there. There is nothing bad to be said for this, provided he has the necessary qualifications.

His Grandfather is of a different opinion. He wants to train him abroad to become the head of a pioneer bank. This is his present fad. Maj Dardel, who is much smarter, has worked on Uncle Knut to have R. enter the bank. I have told Uncle Knut on one or two occasions that it is not us but the two of you who shall exclusively pick your future employees.

I think that it would be appropriate if Jacob could say something to Uncle Knut so that he does not unpremeditatedly give a half-promise about something upon which you are not agreed. It is so easily done to make oracle promises which one later has to fulfil even though one would like not to.

The weather is very unstable but we play golf every day.

Best regards,

From

Your

s/ Pappis

18. Translation from Swedish.

Le Grand Hotel  
Cannes

27 February, 1935

Dear Dodde!

In my letter of yesterday I forgot to ask about the possible advancement of the conversion of Hydro's 7 per cent. Jacob had an idea about extra security in the form of export currencies. It must be thoroughly investigated whether or not this is possible according to the agreement with Nat. City about the 20 million dollar loan and also whether it is possible for Hydro to risk to dispose of all security.

Since my last letter I have been informed about a letter that Uncle Gustaf wrote to Raoul, from which it appears that Maj is working on his entry into the bank.

Give my regards to Mr Calissendorff and thank him for his letter. I have thanked Schacht.

Yours,

s/ Pappis

19. Translation from Swedish.

Stockholm 16 on 10 March, 1935

Dear Daddy!

Thank you for the letters about Lille-Rulle. I have shown them to Jacob, who promised to talk with Uncle Knut. We are of the opinion that we should see him and find out how he has developed after all these years abroad.

(...)

Kiss from

s/ Dodde

20. Typewritten introductory letter for Raoul Wallenberg to Standard Bank of South Africa Ltd from Marcus Wallenberg Sr.

Stockholm, June 12th, 1935

Standard Bank of South Africa Ltd.,  
CAPE TOWN

Dear Sirs,

In the bearer of this letter we beg to introduce to you Mr. Raoul Wallenberg <sup>x)</sup> whom we recommend to your usual kind reception.

Mr. Wallenberg who is by profession an architect is going to South Africa for some length of time in order to study conditions over there and we should feel very much obliged if you would let him have the benefit of your valued assistance and advice.

Mr. Wallenberg has sufficient funds with him to take care of his requirements and, we would add, enjoys a good reputation and lives in comfortable circumstances. Assuring you that we shall much appreciate any courtesy which you may show him and always ready to reciprocate, we beg to remain, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,  
STOCKHOLMS ENSKILDA BANK  
Aktiebolag  
/s/ Marc. Wallenberg

x) a grandson of my brother (s MW)

21. Handwritten letter from Marcus Wallenberg Sr to Raoul Wallenberg.

Stockholm d. 23 nov. 36

Käre Raoul!

Flygpost

Nice  
Hôtel d'Angleterre & de  
Grande Bretagne.

Emissionsinstitutet har förvärfvat ett sinnrikt patent på ett nytt blixtlås och funderar på att bilda ett litet svenskt bolag för att exploatera det svenska patentet.

Jag föreslog att man skulle anmoda Dig att sköta saken. Vill Du vid mottagande af detta telegrafera till mig om detta kan intressera Dig. I så fall skulle Du på hemvägen möta Direktör August Nachmanson i Neustadt i Baden, där det finnes en fabrik.

Helsa hjertligt till Din Farfar.

Din tillgifne  
Marc. Wallenberg

Monsieur Raoul Wallenberg

21. Translation from Swedish.

Stockholm 23 November, 1936

Dear Raoul!

Air mail

Nice  
Hôtel d'Angleterre & de  
Grande Bretagne.

Emissionsinstitutet [the Issue House] has obtained an ingenious patent for a new zip-fastener and is now considering to establish a small Swedish company in order to exploit the Swedish patent.

I suggested that they should ask you to handle the matter. When you receive this, please cable me if this is of interest to you. If so, on your way back home you should meet with August Nachmanson in Neustadt in Baden, where there is a factory.

Please give your grandfather my kindest regards.

Your affectionate  
Marc. Wallenberg

Monsieur Raoul Wallenberg

22. Handwritten letter from Raoul Wallenberg to Gustaf Wallenberg.

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Fährschiff „Deutschland“, den 9.12.1936

Kära Farfar,

Jag är nu på väg till Neustadt (icke långt från Freiburg, Breisgau) för att titta på en fabrik därstädes, som gör blyxtlås. Detta sker på föranstaltande av farbror Marcus och emissionsinstitutet, som önska inköpa ett patent för detta blyxtlås att läggas till grund för ett fabriktionsbolag med Skandinavien som avsättningsområde, och i vilket jag på något sätt skulle vara delaktig.

Bolagets startande beror delvis på resultatet av min undersökning. Det hela låter mycket lockande. Jag skall vara i stånd att lämna farfar definitivt besked om arten av mitt arbete för den närmaste framtiden innan nyåret.

Farmor far ner omkring den femtonde eller något senare.

Alla hälsa och hoppas på ett snabbt återvändande av farfars allra bästa hälsa.

Hälsa faster Lily

Raoul

23. Typewritten letter from Jacob Wallenberg to F. Atterberg.

den 4 oktober 1937.

S.

Mr. F. Atterberg,  
New York Match Co., Inc.,  
26-28, West 44th Street,  
New York

Med anledning av Edert telegram av den 29 september telegraferade jag i dag: "Mailing you letter introduction to Swedish Minister Turkey Regards".

Förr i tiden var min i somras avlidne farbror, Gustaf Wallenberg, minister i Turkiet, och han bodde kvar där flera år, efter det att han lämnat denna befattning. Jag är emellertid övertygad om att nuvarande svenska ministern, Envoyén Winther, är villig lämna Mr. Stern sitt bistånd med hänsyn till de betydande svenska intressen, som finnas i International Match Realization Company. Jag har därför skrivit till Envoyén Winther direkt i denna angelägenhet och även utfärdat bifogade introduktionsbrev.

Om så skulle önskas, skall jag fråga Envoyén Wallenbergs sonson, Herr Raoul Wallenberg, som vistas i Stockholm och som möjligen känner till sin farfars förbindelser i Turkiet, om han på något sätt kan vara Eder behjälplig.

Högaktningsfullt  
JW

22. Translation from Swedish.

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On board the ferryboat "Deutschland" on 9 December, 1936

Dear Grandpa,

I am now on my way to Neustadt (not far from Freiburg, Breisgau) in order to inspect a factory there that manufactures zip-fasteners. I am doing this at the request of uncle Marcus and Emissionsinstitutet [the Issue House] that wish to buy a patent for this zip-fastener for the purpose of establishing a factory for the Scandinavian market, in which I would participate one way or the other.

The start-up of the factory will in part depend upon the result of my investigation. The whole thing sounds quite attractive. I shall be in a position to give you definite information about the nature of my work for the immediate future before New Year.

Grandma will travel South around the 15<sup>th</sup> or somewhat later.

Best regards from everybody. We all hope that you will be restored to the very best of health as soon as possible.

Give my regards to Aunt Lily  
Raoul

23. Translation from Swedish.

4 October, 1937

S.

Mr. F. Atterberg,  
New York Match Co., Inc.,  
26-28, West 44<sup>th</sup> Street,  
New York

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In reply to your cable of 29 September, today I cabled the following: "Mailing you letter introduction to Swedish Minister Turkey Regards".

My uncle Gustaf Wallenberg, who died this summer, was Sweden's former Minister to Turkey, where he remained for several years after leaving his position as Minister. However, I am convinced that Envoy Winther, the present Swedish Minister, is willing to offer his support to Mr Stern in view of the considerable Swedish interests that the International Match Realization Company represents. I have therefore written about this matter directly to Envoy Winther and furthermore issued the enclosed letter of introduction.

If you so wish, I will ask Mr Raoul Wallenberg, who is the grandson of Envoy Wallenberg and lives in Stockholm, if he could be of any assistance to you, since it is possible that he is familiar with his Grandfather's connections in Turkey.

Yours faithfully,  
JW

24. Typewritten letter from Raoul Wallenberg to Jacob Wallenberg.

RAOUL WALLENBERG  
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TELEGRAM "SYNDIKAT"  
TELEFON 20 75 64  
PRIVAT:  
KEVINGE STRAND, STOCKSUND  
TELEGR. "WALLENBERG" STOCKSUND  
TEL. DANDERYD 373

7.10.37

Bankdirektör Jacob Wallenberg  
Stockholms Enskilda Bank  
Stockholm

Käre Jacob,

Jag närsluter kopia av mitt brev av idag till Imco Realization Co., Ltd. med bl.a. de ändringar du föreslog.

Din tillgivne,  
Raoul Wallenberg

P.S. Hjärtligt tack för lunchen.

25. Typewritten letter from Raoul Wallenberg to International Match Realization Co. Ltd.

W/T

7th October 1937

International Match Realization Co., Ltd.  
14, Wall Street  
New York City

Gentlemen,

Mr. Jacob Wallenberg told me of your plan to bring about contact with authoritative circles in Turkey and with persons who will have a voice in the final decision on the proposed purchase of the Turkish match factory and the monopoly notes. He mentioned that he had given my name to you in this connection. I further understand that your Mr. Louis E. Stern might be taking charge of the negotiations.

Mr. G.O. Wallenberg, my Grandfather, who was for a long time Swedish envoy to Turkey, after retiring from office, treated on this subject during a lengthy period with high Turkish officials and would no doubt have been very glad to assist you, had he not unfortunately died early this year. He was in close touch on this matter with a friend in the Cabinet as well as with other friends among responsible officials and their advisors. I know one or two of the individuals concerned and I am in possession of his correspondence on the subject. Minister Wallenberg not only arrived at private understandings with several of those who have direct influence on the matter but also obtained an official assurance in writing from the Government that it was prepared to settle in a friendly spirit. Due to his excellent connections and his knowledge of local conditions and the peculiarities of oriental business methods I felt that he carried things a step forward.

The problem is particularly interesting to me as I know the Levant from visits to Turkey and from my work in Haifa with the Holland Bank Union. I am willing to place at your disposal my Grandfather's and my own connections useful for this purpose, to help in bringing about a favorable result.

I shall have to go to the U.S.A. later this year but before that time I might be able to go down to Istanbul should you so wish. Should you desire to get in touch with me, letters and cables will best reach me under the above Stockholm address.

Yours faithfully,



24. Translation from Swedish.

RAOUL WALLENBERG  
KUNGSGATAN 30, 9<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR STOCKHOLM  
CABLE ADDRESS SYNDIKAT  
TELEPHONE 20 75 64  
PRIVATE:  
KEVINGE STRAND, STOCKSUND  
CABLE ADDRESS WALLENBERG STOCKSUND  
TELEPHONE DANDERYD 373

7 October, 1937

Jacob Wallenberg  
Stockholms Enskilda Bank  
Stockholm

Dear Jacob,

Please find enclosed copy of my letter of today to Imco Realization Co., Ltd. including the changes that you suggested.

Your affectionate,  
Raoul Wallenberg

P.S. Best thanks for the luncheon.

26. Typewritten letter from F. Atterberg to Jacob Wallenberg.

COPY.

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NEW YORK MATCH CO., INC.

New York, October 27, 1937.

Jacob Wallenberg, Esq.,  
Stockholms Enskilda Bank,  
Stockholm, Sweden.

Dear Mr. Wallenberg,

Re: International Match Realization Co.

For the sake of order I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 4th with the enclosed letter of introduction for Mr. Louis E. Stern to the Swedish Minister to Turkey. I have given this letter to Mr. Stern and he asked me to tell you that he very much appreciates your kindness in assisting him.

You suggest in your letter that if we so desire you might ask Mr. Raoul Wallenberg if he knows anything about his grand-father's connections in Turkey. Mr. Stern would like to have all the help that he can possibly get and we should certainly be very grateful if you could ask Mr. Raoul Wallenberg whether he knows any persons whom it might be of value for Mr. Stern to meet, either on account of their connections with the present Government or on account of their intimate knowledge of present conditions in Turkey. If he knows of any such persons it should be very helpful if you could arrange for letters of introduction to be given to Mr. Stern.

Mr. Stern is sailing for Europe next week and expects to arrive in Istanbul about November 15th where he will remain for about a month. His address will be: care of American Turkish Investment Corp., P.O. Box 1064, Istanbul, Turkey.

Thanking you once more for the kind assistance that you have given us in this matter, I remain

Yours sincerely,  
(s) F. Atterberg.



27. Typewritten copy of letter from AG Oederlin & Cie to Stockholms Enskilda Bank.

Abschrift

Metallgiesserei & Armaturenfabrik  
Aktiengesellschaft  
OEDERLIN & CIE.

Baden, den 16. Dezember 1937.

An die Stockholms Enskilda Bank, A.B.,  
S t o c k h o l m.

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Unter Bezugnahme auf den Besuch des Herrn Raoul Wallenberg, Stockholm, und dessen Aufforderung, erlauben wir uns, Ihnen folgende Ausführungen zugehen zu lassen.

Soro - Verfahren: Das rubr. Verfahren wird gekennzeichnet durch den Umstand, dass es mit bescheidenen Mitteln auch jedem Selbstverbraucher von Stangen und Bandmaterial gestattet seinen Bedarf im Eigenen Betriebe herzustellen. Es ist gleichzeitig das rationelste Verfahren für die Herstellung obgenannter Produkte unter Ausschaltung von grossen Strangpressen und Walzwerken.

Um Ihnen eine Kalkulationsbasis für die etwa erforderlichen Investitionskosten der Anlage zu übermitteln, erlauben wir uns Ihnen mitzuteilen, dass die Anlage zur Herstellung von ca. 2.400 tonnen Jahresproduktion Stangen einen Betrag von nur ca. sfr. 67.000.- erfordert und diese Anlage nur die Inanspruchnahme eines Raumes von ca. 190 m<sup>2</sup> bedingt.

Soro - Einrichtung:

Stündliche Produktion 1120 kg. Annahme wie bei Presse

4 SORO Maschinen, inkl. Fundament und Motoren	Fr.	26.000.-
3 Ring-Drehbänke inkl. Motor	"	18.000.-
1 Trennmaschine	"	1.500.-
1 Anspitzmaschine	"	1.500.-
1 Endenstreckpresse	"	2.000.-

Platzbedarf 100 m<sup>2</sup>/<sup>max.</sup> bei gleicher Wertbe-  
lassung wie bei Presse

	"	18.000.-
<u>SORO T o t a l</u>	<u>Fr.</u>	<u>67.000.-</u>

Dem gegenüber würden Investitionskosten nach dem bisherigen Strangpressverfahren sich auf ca. 370.000.- Fr. (s. Soro-Exposé) belaufen. Ähnlich liegen die verhältnisse bei einer Gegenüberstellung der Bandwalzerzeugung nach dem Soro-Verfahren gegenüber den bisherigen Verfahren d.h. unter Verwendung insbesondere eines grossen Blockwalzwerkes, wobei aber noch besonders hervorzuheben wäre, dass beim Bestehen einer Soroanlage die Anschaffungskosten für eine Strangpresse und eines grossen Blockwalzwerkes nebst den für diese letzteren Maschinen erheblichen Hilfseinrichtungen in Fortfall kämen.

Weiter kennzeichnend für die Bedeutung des Soro-Verfahrens ist auch der Umstand, dass die Kapazität nach dem Soro-Verfahren durch Anschaffung von Soro-Maschinen, deren Herstellungskosten pro Stück ca. sfr. 5.000.- ausmachen und die als weiterer wesentlicher Vorteil ohne weiteres in jedem Lande gebaut werden können, beliebig gesteigert werden kann.

Was nun die eigentlichen Produktionskosten des auf Soro-Maschinen hergestellten Materials anbetrifft, so erreichen diese folgende Höhe:

Lohnkosten bei uns:

Giessereilöhne	sfr.	3,20	pro 100 kg.
Dreherlöhne	"	0,50	" " "
Uebrige Löhne	"	0,80	" " "
Summa	<u>sfr.</u>	<u>4,50</u>	" " "

Dieser Betrag versteht sich ohne die Schmelzkosten, die bei der unsrigen Firma Fr. 1.30 pro 100 kg. ausmachen. Zu diesen Positionen kommt der Abfallverlust in Höhe von ca. 25% des Endproduktes. Wir gehen wohl also nicht fehl in der Annahme, dass die Betriebskosten nach dem Soro-Verfahren auch bei Werken, die über bereits abgeschriebene Strangpressen verfügen, wesentlich unter den Kosten nach dem bisherigen Verfahren liegen.

Die nach dem Soro-Verfahren hergestellten Qualitäten sind denjenigen nach dem bisherigen Verfahren nach verschiedenen vorliegenden Gutachten einschlägiger Walzwerke mindestens gleichwertig.

27. Translation from German.

Copy

Metallgiesserei & Armaturenfabrik  
Aktiengesellschaft  
OEDERLIN & CIE.

Baden 16 December, 1937

To Stockholms Enskilda Bank A.B.,  
S t o c k h o l m,  
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With reference to the visit of Mr Raoul Wallenberg, Stockholm, and his request we hereby take the liberty of sending you the following information.

Soro process: This process is characterised by the fact that it allows any consumer of rods and band-iron material to cover his own needs through production in his own business operations with the help of modest tools. At the same time, it is the most rational procedure for producing the above-mentioned products without using big rod presses and rolling-mills.

In order to give you a basis for calculating the approximate investment costs for the installation, we wish to inform you that an installation for an annual production of about 2,400 tons of rods requires an amount of approximately Swiss francs 67,000 only and that such an installation only takes a space of about 190 sq.m.

Soro installation:

For an hourly production of 1,120 kilos. Assumptions the same as if a press is used

4 SORO machines incl. mounting and engines	Sw.fr. 26,000.-
3 circular turning lathes	-“- 18,000.-
1 separating machine	-“- 1,500.-
1 machine for sharpening	-“- 1,500.-
1 end-pressing machine	-“- 2,000.-
	/maximum
Necessary space 100 sq.m, provided the load is the same as with a press	-“- 18,000.-
<u>SORO Total</u>	<u>Sw. fr. 67,000.-</u>

The investment costs for prevailing extrusion processes amount to approximately Sfr. 370,000 (cf. Soro survey). Similar conditions apply if strip rolling mill manufacturing according to the Soro procedure is compared with current procedures, i.e. by using in particular a big ingot strip mill. In this connection, it should be underlined that in the case of a Soro installation the acquisition costs for an extruder and a big ingot strip mill together with the considerable auxiliary installations for these last-mentioned machines would be eliminated.

Another characteristic feature of the Soro procedure is the fact that the capacity of the Soro procedure can be increased at one's own discretion through purchase of Soro machines, which cost Sfr. 5,000 each to produce and which, as a further considerable advantage, can be built in any country.

As regards the real production costs for material produced with the help of Soro machines, we have the following wage costs:

Founder wages	Sfr. 3.20 per 100 kilos
Turner wages	-“- 0.50 -“-
Other wages	-“- 0.80 -“-
Total	<u>Sfr. 4.50 -“-</u>

This amount does not include the melting costs, which amount to Sfr. 1.30 per 100 kilos in our company. To this should be added the waste loss, representing about 25 per cent of the final product. We are thus not wrong if we assume that the operating costs of the Soro procedure are well below the costs for current procedures also in workshops that have fully depreciated extruding machines at their disposal.

According to various existing opinions, the qualities produced in accordance with the Soro procedure are at least equal to those produced in accordance with prevailing procedures in comparable strip mills.

Neben den wirtschaftlichen Vorteilen ist das Verfahren auch von grösster Bedeutung für die wirtschaftliche Kriegsvorsorge. Es ist mit ihr die Herstellung von Messingstangen für die Zünder-Erzeugung sowie von Messingstreifen für die Geschütz- und Gewehr-patronen ohne weiteres möglich, dergestalt, dass aus dem nach dem Soro-Verfahren hergestelltem Band die Nöpfl-Fabrikation ohne weiteres gewährleistet ist.

Zu diesem Punkt wäre insbesondere weiter zu bemerken, dass die Soro-Anlage bequem auf Lastwagen verladen werden kann und somit eine Produktion dieser kriegswichtigen Artikel schlagartig in einem Lande an vielen beliebigen Stellen hergestellt werden kann, während nach dem bisherigen Verfahren hierzu ein aus vielen Eisenbahn-Waggons zusammengesetzter Zug erforderlich wäre.

Was weitere Anwendungsgebiete anbelangt, so möchten wir hervorheben, dass unserer Ansicht nach auch andere Werkstoffe wie Bronze-Legierungen, insbesondere Leichtmetalle, Nickelbänder für Anoden, Chrom-Nickel-Stahl, verwertet werden können. Im übrigen ist unserer Ansicht nach das Anwendungsgebiet derart in der Entwicklung begriffen, dass bei einer praktischen Verarbeitung nach dem Soro-Verfahren sich in einem nicht Eisenwalzwerk noch ganz bedeutende Vorteile ergeben.

Der Ordnung halber müssen wir hervorheben, dass bisher mühelos Messingstangen von 14-80 mm und Bänder bis 250 mm Breite hergestellt werden.

Das Verfahren ist bisher für 3 Länder vergeben worden, nachdem wir den betreffenden Stellen die Unterlagen zugestellt haben und diese in einer verhältnismässig kurzen Zeit einer Untersuchung an Ort und Stelle unterzogen worden sind.

Ferner hat ein 4. Land gegen eine Abfindung ein Stillhalteabkommen mit uns getroffen, des Inhaltes, dass wir die nach dem Soro-Verfahren hergestellten Produkte nicht auf den Markt dieses Landes bringen.

Was die Beschreibung des Verfahrens anbelangt, so verweisen wir auf das beiliegende Schreiben im Durchschlag.

Was die besondere Situation in Frankreich betrifft, so verweisen wir in diesem Zusammenhange auf die Herrn R. Wallenberg mündlich gegebenen Aufklärungen.

Sie werden aus dem vorangegangenen ersehen, dass die Einwände, die uns gerade von Seiten Frankreichs entgegen gehalten wurden, soweit sie nicht a priori falsch waren, inzwischen als längst überholt gelten dürfen.

Um Sie über die Erfindung als solche ins Bild zu setzen, können wir interessanterweise anführen, dass einer unserer Käufer, dessen Unternehmen unter staatlicher Kontrolle steht, und das mit Rücksicht auf die Bedeutung dieses Unternehmens über ein eigenes Patentbureau verfügt, eingehende Nachforschungen über unsere Patente angestellt hat und sich nach Ueberprüfung des auf diesem Gebiete vorliegenden Materials, sehr schnell zum Ankaufe dieses Verfahrens zu einem erheblichen Betrage entschlossen hat.

Das Verfahren ist in

Schweden	am	5.	X.	1937	unter	Nr.	4715
	"	9.	XI.	1937	"	"	5377
Norwegen	"	28.	X.	1937	"	"	62707
	"	1.	XI.	1937	"	"	62888
Dänemark	"	6.	X.	1937	"	"	2296
	"	30.	X.	1937	"	"	2504

angemeldet.

Bezüglich Finland teilen wir mit, dass die Prioritäten erst am 26.1.1938 ablaufen.

In Frankreich sind die Patente

am	28.	X.	1936	unter	Nummer	810436
"	10.	V.	1937	"	"	816883
"	13.	VII.	1937	"	"	48116

erteilt worden.

Es wäre noch hervorzuheben, dass beim Selbstverbraucher der Abfallsatz ein wesentlich geringerer wäre.

Der Preis für das Verfahren für Frankreich beläuft sich auf

650.000.- Schweizer Goldfranken.

Wir möchten bei dieser Gelegenheit einschalten, dass wir bei der Preisfestsetzung für den Ankauf des Verfahrens von der Ueberlegung ausgegangen sind, dass diese Zahlung sich in einer besonders schnellen Zeit amortisieren soll. Dabei haben wir Erwägungen sonstiger Natur (Gefahr für den Absatz von Messing Walzwerken) ausser Acht gelassen.

Wir räumen Ihnen das Ankaufsrecht für dieses Verfahren bis zum 31. Januar 1938 für Frankreich ein.

Wir empfehlen uns Ihnen und zeichnen

hochachtungsvoll

A.-G. Oederlin & Cie.

sign.

In addition to the economic advantages, the Soro procedure is also highly important for war supply economics. It is fully possible to produce brass rods for fuse production and brass strips for cannon and rifle cartridges in such a way that the Nöpfler production can be guaranteed without any problem with the help of strips produced in accordance with the Soro procedure.

It should be noted in this connection that the Soro installation can easily be loaded in lorries so that these articles that are so important to the war can be produced in a country at several selected points. In contrast, the current procedure makes it necessary to use a train consisting of several railroad carriages.

As regards other applications we should like to mention that, in our opinion, also other materials can be used such as bronze alloys, particularly light metals, nickel strips for anodes and chrome-nickel steel. We are furthermore of the opinion that the area of application is in such a stage of development that quite important advantages are offered through processing according to the Soro procedure in a non-iron strip rolling mill.

For order's sake we must stress that brass rods of 14-80 mm and bands of up to 250 mm breadth are produced, so far without any problem.

The procedure has been granted to three countries so far. We have provided the relevant places with the basic documents, which have been subjected to investigations on the spot in a relatively short period of time.

Moreover, a fourth country has made an agreement with us, against compensation, according to which we have committed ourselves not to bring any products produced according to the Soro procedure to the market of that country.

Regarding a description of the procedure we refer to the enclosed copy of a letter.

As far as the special situation in France is concerned we wish to make reference to the explanations that have been given to Mr R. Wallenberg verbally.

As you will appreciate from the above, the objections that have been held against us from France – as far as they were not false a priori – should be regarded as refuted since long in the meantime.

As a piece of interesting news and in order to give you a picture of the invention as such we can inform you that one of our buyers - whose company is under government control and who has his own patent agency due to the importance of his company - has made extensive investigations into our patent. After having checked existing material in this area, he very quickly decided to buy our procedure for a considerable amount of money.

Patent has been applied for the procedure in

Sweden	on 5 October, 1937	under number 4715
	on 9 November, 1937	under number 5377
Norway	on 28 October, 1937	under number 62707
	on 1 November, 1937	under number 62888
Denmark	on 6 October, 1937	under number 2296
	on 30 October, 1937	under number 2504.

Regarding Finland the preferences will only expire on 26 January, 1938.

In France the patents were granted

on 28 October, 1936	under number 810436
on 10 May, 1937	under number 816883
on 13 July, 1937	under number 48116.

It should be emphasised that the waste rate would be considerably smaller in case of own consumption.

The price for the procedure for France amounts to

Swiss goldfrancs 650,000.

In this connection we should like to add that we have based our price for the purchase of the procedure on the idea that payment shall be amortized over a particularly short period of time. We have not taken other considerations into account (risk of sales from brass strip rolling mills).

We are prepared to grant you the purchase right to this procedure for France up to and including 31 January, 1938.

Yours faithfully,  
A.-G. Oederlin & Cie.  
sign.

28. Typewritten letter from Raoul Wallenberg to Marcus Wallenberg Jr.

SVENSK-SCHWEIZISKA INDUSTRISYNDIKATET

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Herr Marc. Wallenberg Jr.  
Stockholms Enskilda Bank Ab.

Betr. "Soro"-förfarandet

Käre Lill-Marcus,

Ännu i förrgår visste jag mycket litet om Soro-materiallets pris i Schweiz, jämfört med vanligt material. Oederlins ha nämligen varit mycket försiktiga med att ej lämna ifrån sig siffror, som skulle kunna misstydas och som i varje fall ej kunna direkt jämföras med utländska siffror. De insistera på att varje intressent låter undersöka saken genom en ingenjör, som alltså själv får ansvara för att uppgifterna bli riktiga.

Följande intressanta uppgifter ha vi emellertid lyckats få ur dem samtalsvis och vi göra varje förbehåll för missförstånd etc.:

- A. Offererat schweiziskt marknadspris, efter rabatt  
för storavnämare, å dragna mässingsstänger . . . . . Sfr. 1.08/kg.
- B. Oederlins materialpris, efter  
smältning, annan bearbetning . . . . . Sfr. 0.64/kg.  
Deras arbetslöner plus 300%,  
deras vanliga formel för täc-  
kande av kostnader, hyra, av-  
skrivningar etc. samt vinst . . . . . Sfr. 0.18/kg . . . . . Sfr. 0.82/kg.

Av det brev du redan fått framgår hur lönekontot är sammansatt. Ytterligare kan jag meddela att strömkostnaden hos Oederlin uppskattas till ca. Sfr. 0.013/kg.

Eftersom Oederlin ju själva äro uppfinnare av metoden ingå givetvis ej avskrivningar och räntor på patentsumman i ovannämnda pris. Siffrorna äro nyare än de omtalade franska förhandlingarna.

Herr Abernau låter för närvarande en tekniker undersöka saken i Zuerich och jag skall låta dig veta så fort jag hör något nytt.

Med allra bästa hälsning,  
R Wallenberg

29. Telegram from Rolf Calissendorff to Marcus Wallenberg Jr.

STOCKHOLMS ENSKILDA BANK  
AKTIEBOLAG  
**TELEGRAM**

28/1-38

Wr

Wallenberg

Savoy

L o n d o n

Lillerulle told me he gave you option expiring thirtyfirst on method called Soro he would appreciate your reply

C a l i s s e n d o r f f



28. Translation from Swedish.

SVENSK-SCHWEIZISKA INDUSTRISYNDIKATET

Fören. u.p.a.

Cable address: "SYNDIKAT" Telephone 20 76 64

Karlskrona

Stockholm, 24 December, 1937

Kungsgatan 30, 9<sup>th</sup> floor

*Answered on 29 January, 1938*

Mr Marc. Wallenberg Jr.

Stockholms Enskilda Bank Ab.

Re: "Soro" procedure

Dear Lill-Marcus,

As late as yesterday, I knew very little about the price of the Soro material in Switzerland, compared with common material. You see Oederlin have been very careful not to divulge any figures, which might be misinterpreted and which anyway cannot be directly compared with foreign figures. They insist that each interested party undertake an investigation into the matter with the help of an engineer, who will be held responsible for the correctness of the information.

However, in the course of conversations, we have managed to get the following interesting pieces of information from them. We make every reservation for any misunderstandings, etc.:

A. After discount for large-scale purchasers, quoted Swiss market price

for drawn brass rods . . . . . Sfr. 1.08/kg

B. Oederlin's price for material, after

melting, other processing . . . . . Sfr.0.64/kg

Their compensation for work plus 300 %,

their usual formula for covering

costs, rents, depreciation, etc. and profit . . . . . Sfr. 0.18/kg . . . . . Sfr. 0.82/kg.

You have already received a letter, from which it appears how the salary account is composed. Furthermore, I can inform you that Oederlin estimate their power expenses at approx. Sfr. 0.013/kg.

Since Oederlin have invented the method themselves, depreciation and interest expenses are of course not included in the patent sum in the above-mentioned price. The figures are newer than the reported French negotiations.

Mr Abernau has at present a technician looking into the matter in Zurich and I shall let you know as soon as I have any news.

Best regards,  
R Wallenberg

30. Copy of typewritten letter från Schweizerische Bankgesellschaft to Stockholms Enskilda Bank.

Abschrift.

*Från Schweiz. Bankgesellschaft, Zürich*

AUSKUNFT

über

Aktiengesellschaft Oederlin & Cie, B a d e n (Aargau).

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Unter obiger Firma bildete sich mit Sitz in Baden (Aargau) auf unbestimmte Dauer am 20. Juli 1918 eine Aktiengesellschaft, welche die Weiterführung der von der Firma E. Oederlin & Cie., in Baden übernommenen Metallgiesserei & Armaturenfabrik zum Zweck hat. Das Grundkapital der Gesellschaft beträgt: Fr. 1.500.000.- eingeteilt in 1500 Aktien zu je fr. 1000.- Nennwert & zwar 500 Aktien A., die auf den Inhaber lauten. Sämtliche Aktien sind voll einbezahlt. Als Präsident & Delegierter des Verwaltungsrates führt die rechtsverbindliche Einzelunterschrift: Edmund Oederlin, von Baden, in Rieden (Gmde. Obersiggenthal). Das Unternehmen ist alt, befindet sich schon seit den 70er Jahren im Besitze der Familie Oederlin und weist eine bemerkenswerte industrielle Bedeutung auf. Die Fabrikate geniessen guten Ruf. In normalen Zeiten beschäftigt die Firma ca. 300 Arbeiter, indessen infolge der gegenwärtigen Krise dürfte die Arbeiterzahl auf ca. 150 - 200 reduziert sein, wie verlautet, ist die Gesellschaft in der Hauptsache von der deutschen Konkurrenz in Mitleidenschaft gezogen worden. Es kann immerhin angenommen werden, dass die Beschäftigung mit der Besserung der allgemeinen wirtschaftlichen Konjunktur ebenfalls wieder zunimmt. Die Leitung liegt aufmännisch, wie technisch in tüchtigen Händen und es ist das Ansehen der Firma ein gutes. Die Verhältnisse liegen in finanz.Hinsicht jedenfalls beordnet, nachteilige Momente sind keine bekannt. Bis jetzt fanden die laufenden Verpflichtungen ihre geordnete Abwicklung und man nimmt keinen Anstand, auch grössere Kredite zu befürworten.

Ohne unser Obligo.

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Stockholms Enskilda Bank Aktiebolag, Stockholm.

28. Jan. 1938.

31. Copy of typewritten letter from Schweizerische Bankgesellschaft to Stockholms Enskilda Bank.

Abschrift.

*Schweiz. Bankgesellschaft, Zürich*

AUSKUNFT

über

Herrn HEYMANN, Direktor der A.G. Oederlin & Co., Baden (Schweiz)

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Man berichtet uns wie folgt:

"Unsern Erkundigungen zufolge ist der angefragte Heymann nicht Direktor der A.G. Oederlin & Co. und auch nicht in Baden, sondern in Prag wohnhaft, wo er quasi als Vertreter für Oederlin & Co. tätig sein soll. Laut Handelsregister ist der Genannte auch nicht für die Firma Oederlin in irgend einer Weise unterschriftsberechtigt. Seine Verhältnisse sind hier aber weiter gar nicht bekannt."

Ohne unser Obligo.

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28. Januar 1938.

Stockholms Enskilda Bank Aktiebolag,

STOCKHOLM.

30. Translation from German.

Copy.

*From Schweiz. Bankgesellschaft, Zurich*

INFORMATION

on

Aktiengesellschaft Oederlin & Cie, B a d e n (Aargau).

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A limited liability company was formed under the above-mentioned trade name on 20 July, 1918, for an unlimited term, with its registered office in Baden (Aargau), for the purpose of carrying on the Metallgiesserei & Armaturenfabrik that the company E. Oederlin & Cie. had taken over. The opening capital of the company amounts to Swiss francs 1.500,000, distributed on 1,500 shares of a nominal value of Swiss francs 1,000 each and on 500 Series A shares issued to the owner. All shares have been paid in full. Edmund Oederlin of Baden, in Rieden (parish of Obersiggenthal), is legally authorised to sign for the company alone; he is furthermore the Managing Director and the Representative of the Board of Directors. This is an old company that has been owned by the Oederlin family since the 1870s. Its industrial importance is remarkable. Its products have a good reputation. Normally, the company employs approximately 300 workers, although due to the present crisis the number of workers should be reduced to about 150-200. Reportedly, the company is negatively affected mainly by German competition. However, it can be assumed that employment will increase again when the general economic business cycle improves. From both a business and technical point of view the Management is capable and the reputation of the company is good. The financial conditions are in order and no negative circumstances are known. So far, all current commitments have been met and we do not hesitate to recommend even major credits.

Without any obligation on our part.

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Stockholms Enskilda Bank Aktiebolag, Stockholm

28 January, 1938.

31. Translation from German.

Copy.

*Schweiz. Bankgesellschaft, Zurich*

INFORMATION

on

Mr HEYMANN, Manager of A.G. Oederlin & Co., Baden (Switzerland)

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The following has been reported to us:

“Following our inquiries Mr Heymann is not a Manager of A.G. Oederlin & Co. and not a resident of Baden, but living in Praha, where reportedly he is active as a quasi representative of Oederlin & Co. According to the Trade Register the said person is not in any way authorised to sign for the Oederlin company. We do not have any information about his further relations.”

Without any obligation on our part.

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28 January, 1938.

Stockholms Enskilda Bank Aktiebolag,  
STOCKHOLM.

32. Copy of typewritten letter from E. Heymann to Stockholms Enskilda Bank.

ABSCHRIFT.

E. Heymann.  
Prag, den 29. Januar 1938.

Stockholms Enskilda Bank AB.,  
S t o c k h o l m.

Unter Bezugnahme auf das Schreiben meiner schweizer Freunde, der Aktiengesellschaft Oederlin Cie, Baden/Schweiz, vom 16. Dezember 1937 betr. Option für Frankreich und unter Hinweis auf den Besuch des Herrn Raoul Wallenberg, Stockholm, erlaube ich mir mit Rücksicht auf die ablaufende Optionsfrist anzufragen, ob mit Verhandlungen in dieser Angelegenheit zu rechnen ist.

Ich empfehle mich Ihnen  
hochachtungsvoll  
/s./ E. Heymann

33. Typewritten letter from the secretary of Marcus Wallenberg Jr to Raoul Wallenberg.

, den 29. Januar 1938.

EL

Herrn Architekt Raoul Wallenberg,  
Svensk-Schweiziska Industrisyndikatet,  
Kungsgatan 30, 9 tr.,  
S t o c k h o l m  
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Lieber Raoul,

Im Auftrage des Herrn Bankdirektor Marc. Wallenberg Jr. teile ich Dir hierdurch mit, dass Herr Wallenberg von der der Stockholms Enskilda Bank von Oederlin & Cie. im Briefe vom 16. Dezember 1937 eingeräumten Option für das Soroverfahren in Frankreich nicht Gebrauch zu machen wünscht.

Gleichzeitig sende ich Dir die Dokumente zurück, die Du in dieser Angelegenheit Herrn Wallenberg überreicht hast.

Dein Dir ergebener  
/s/  
Sekretär

32. Translation from German.

COPY

E. Heymann.  
Praha 29 January, 1938

Stockholms Enskilda Bank AB.,  
S t o c k h o l m.

With reference to the letter of 16 December 1937 from my Swiss friends of the Aktiengesellschaft Oederlin Cie, Baden/Switzerland, concerning an option for France, and with further reference to the visit of Mr Raoul Wallenberg, Stockholm, I take the liberty – considering the approaching deadline of the option – of asking whether or not we should count upon any negotiations on this subject.

Yours faithfully,  
/s./ E. Heymann

33. Translation from German.

29 January, 1938

EL

Mr Raoul Wallenberg, Architect  
Svensk-Schweiziska Industrisyndikatet,  
Kungsgatan 30, 9<sup>th</sup> floor  
Stockholm  
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Dear Raoul,

Upon instructions by Mr Marc. Wallenberg Jr I hereby inform you that Mr Wallenberg does not wish to make use of the option regarding the Soro procedure in France that Oederlin & Cie. offered Stockholms Enskilda Bank by letter of 16 December 1937.

At the same time, I return the documents that you have sent to Mr Wallenberg on the subject.

Yours sincerely,

/s/

Secretary

34. Typewritten letter from AG Oederlin & Cie to Stockholms Enskilda Bank.

Metallgiesserei & Armaturenfabrik  
Aktiengesellschaft  
Oederlin & Cie

TELEGR.-ADR. OEDERLIN BADEN  
TELEPHON No 23.211 u. 23.212  
GEGRÜNDET 1858

GIRO-KONTI:  
SCHWEIZ. NATIONALBANK no. 6815 AARAU  
POSTCHECK-KONTO: VI. 295 AARAU  
16. Februar 1938.

Baden den

Ref.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gefl. in der Antwort wiederholen.

*Avskrift översänd till  
Raoul Wallenberg 18/2 /s./*

Titl.  
Stockholms Enskilda Bank, Ab.,  
Stockholm

Wir haben Ihnen mit unserem Schreiben vom 21. Dezember 1937 eine Option auf unser SORO-Verfahren für Frankreich bis zum 31. Januar 1938 eingeräumt. Unser Repräsentant, Herr E. Heymann in Prag, fragte Sie mit seinem Schreiben vom 29. Januar d. J. an, ob dieser Gegenstand noch von Interesse für Sie ist.

Da uns bisher weder der Empfang unseres seinerzeitigen Schreibens bestätigt wurde noch sonst eine Nachricht von Ihnen zugehen erlauben wir uns, unsere Anfrage zu wiederholen.

Wir sehen Ihren geschätzten Nachrichten mit Interesse entgegen und zeichnen

hochachtungsvoll:  
Metallgiesserei & Armaturenfabrik  
Aktiengesellschaft  
Oederlin & Cie.

/s./

Rekommando.

35. Typewritten letter from Per Askegren to Raoul Wallenberg.

den 18 febr. 1938

Wr

Herr Arkitekt Raoul Wallenberg,  
Svensk-Schweiziska Industrisyndikatet,  
Kungsgatan 30, 9tr.,  
Stockholm

Bäste Broder,

Åberopande dagens telefonsamtal översänder jag härmed för besvarande avskrift av brev från Oederlin & Cie. av den 16 dennes beträffande optionen på "Soro-Verfahren."

Din tillgivne  
/s./

34. Translation from German.

Metallgiesserei & Armaturenfabrik  
Aktiengesellschaft  
Oederlin & Cie

CABLE ADDRESS OEDERLIN BADEN  
TELEPHONE No 23.211 and 23.212  
FOUNDED IN 1858

GIRO ACCOUNTS:  
SCHWEIZ.NATIONALBANK no. 6815 AARAU

Baden 16 February, 1938

Reference

Please state in reply.

*Copy forwarded to  
Raoul Wallenberg 18 February /s./*

Stockholms Enskilda Bank, Ab.,  
Stockholm

By letter of 21 December, 1937 we granted you an option for our SORO procedure for France, valid until 31 January, 1938. Our representative in Prague, Mr E. Heymann, wrote you a letter on 29 January, 1938 to ask you whether or not this subject was still of interest to you.

Since we have not received any acknowledgement of receipt of our letter of 21 December nor any other news from you we now take the liberty of reiterating our request.

We look forward with interest to receiving your reply and remain,

Yours faithfully,  
Metallgiesserei & Armaturenfabrik  
Aktiengesellschaft  
O e d e r l i n & Cie.

*/s./*

Registered mail.

35. Translation from Swedish.

18 February, 1938

Wf

Mr Raoul Wallenberg, Architect  
Svensk-Schweiziska Industrisyndikatet,  
Kungsgatan 30, 9<sup>th</sup> floor  
S t o c k h o l m

Dear friend,

With reference to today's telephone conversation please find enclosed, for answering, copy of a letter dated 16 February from Oederlin & Cie regarding the option for the "Soro procedure".

Affectionately,

*/s./*

36. Typewritten letter from Raoul Wallenberg to Jacob Wallenberg.

RAOUL WALLENBERG  
KUNGSGATAN 30, 9 TR. STOCKHOLM  
TELEGRAM "SYNDIKAT"  
TELEFON 20 75 64  
PRIVAT:  
ÖSTERMALMSGATAN 7, 5 TR.  
STOCKHOLM  
TELEFON 20 66 05

R.W. fått företräde 11/5-39/ID

27.4.1939

Bankdirektör Jacob Wallenberg  
Stockholms Enskilda Bank, Ab.  
Stockholm

Käre Jacob,

Med dir. Ljungberg i Tändsticksbolaget talade jag den 3 mars betr. anställning i Indien, men något besked har jag ännu ej fått. Därför har jag senare frågat honom, om det möjligen finnes någon annan öppning inom koncernen än där, till vilket han svarade nej - tråkigt detta, eftersom jag givetvis, vilket jobb det än vore frågan om, vid lika lön skulle föredraga arbete i Europa eller i Amerika framför ett kontrakt i kolonierna.

Det är ganska deprimerande att gå omkring på detta sätt och vänta och jag skulle därför vara dig tacksam, om du ville säga mig, huruvida du fortfarande liksom i början av februari råder mig att fortsätta att vänta på det jobb du ställt i utsikt eller om förhållandena äro sådana, att du i stället råder mig att försöka skaffa ett på egen hand. I det förra fallet undrar jag, om du möjligen har något, som jag skulle kunna göra under tiden.

Jag begagnar tillfället att ännu en gång varmt tacka dig för det vänliga intresse du visat mig och för dina åtgöranden i samband med fortsatt anställning åt mig.

Din tillgivne,  
R Wallenberg

37. Typewritten letter from Raoul Wallenberg to Jacob Wallenberg.

RAOUL WALLENBERG  
KUNGSGATAN 30, 9 TR. STOCKHOLM  
TELEGRAM "SYNDIKAT"  
TELEFON 20 75 64  
PRIVAT:  
ÖSTERMALMSGATAN 7, 5 TR.  
STOCKHOLM  
TELEFON 20 66 05

26.9.1939

Bankdirektör Jacob Wallenberg  
Stockholms Enskilda Bank, Ab.  
Stockholm

Käre Jacob,

Vid vårt sista sammanträffande sade du att kriget eventuellt skulle medföra en hel del problem i samband med vilkas lösande du möjligen skulle vilja taga mig i anspråk. Då jag själv dock förutsåg att sådant ej skulle betyda omedelbart arbete för mig och att det dessutom skulle kunna bli pauser mellan uppdragen frågade jag, om jag kunde få bli permanent anställd, vilket du lovade tänka över.

Jag vore nu tacksam om du kunde meddela mig ditt beslut. Samtidigt ber jag att få tacka för ersättningen för huvudstaupdraget, för vilket jag tillätit mig utkvittera Kr. 1,250:- för tiden 13 maj - 28 juli.

Din tillgivne,  
R Wallenberg



36. Translation from Swedish.

RAOUL WALLEMBERG  
KUNGSGATAN 30, 9<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR STOCKHOLM  
CABLE ADDRESS SYNDIKAT  
TELEPHONE 20 75 64  
PRIVATE:  
ÖSTERMALMSGATAN 7, 5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
STOCKHOLM  
TELEPHONE 20 66 05

R.W. granted an audience on 11 May, 1939/ID

27 April, 1939

Jacob Wallenberg  
Stockholms Enskilda Bank, Ab.  
Stockholm

Dear Jacob,

On 3 March I had a conversation with Mr Ljungberg of the Swedish Match Company, concerning an employment in India. So far, however, I have received no answer. I therefore asked him, on a later occasion, whether there could possibly be any other opening within the Group elsewhere, to which his reply was no. This is sad, since naturally I would prefer to work in Europe or America rather than in the colonies, regardless of type of job, provided the pay is equal.

It is rather depressing to walk around waiting like this. I would therefore be grateful to you, if you could tell me whether, like in early February, you advise me to continue to wait for the job of which you held out the prospect or if conditions are such that you would rather advise me to try and get a job on my own. In the former case, I wonder if you possibly could offer me anything to do in the meantime.

Once again I take this opportunity to thank you warmly for the kind interest that you have shown in me and for your efforts as regards my future employment.

Your affectionate,  
R Wallenberg

37. Translation from Swedish.

RAOUL WALLEMBERG  
KUNGSGATAN 30, 9<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR STOCKHOLM  
CABLE ADDRESS SYNDIKAT  
TELEPHONE 20 75 64  
PRIVATE:  
ÖSTERMALMSGATAN 7, 5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
STOCKHOLM  
TELEPHONE 20 66 05

26 September, 1939

Jacob Wallenberg  
Stockholms Enskilda Bank, Ab.  
Stockholm

Dear Jacob,

At our latest meeting you told me that the war would possibly lead to a number of problems and that you might be willing to use my services in connection with the solving of these problems. Since I anticipated that this would not mean immediate work for me and that, in addition, there would probably be breaks in between the assignments I asked you for a permanent employment, which you promised to consider.

I would now be grateful if you could let me know what you have decided. At the same time I wish to thank you for the compensation for the Huvudsta assignment, for which I have taken the liberty to collect 1,250 kronor for the period 13 May-28 July.

Your affectionate,  
R Wallenberg

38. Typewritten letter from Jacob Wallenberg to Raoul Wallenberg.

Stockholm den 3 oktober 1942.

Herr Arkitekt Raoul Wallenberg,  
Bragevägen 12,  
S t o c k h o l m

Käre Raoul,

Hjärtligt tack för Din vänlighet att lyckönska mig till min 50-årsdag och då tillskicka mig de vackra blommorna. Jag sätter stort värde på Din uppmärksamhet.

Din tillgivne  
JW

39. Typewritten letter from Raoul Wallenberg to Jacob Wallenberg.

MELLANEUROPEISKA HANDELS A.-B.  
TELEGRAM  
MEROPA

TEL. 67 22 83  
67 22 84  
STRANDVÄGEN 7 A  
STOCKHOLM den 9 november 1942.RW/No

Herr Bankdirektör Jakob Wallenberg,  
c/o Stockholms Enskilda Bank A.-B.,  
Stockholm.

Käre Jakob!

Härmed får jag översända ett brev, som Svenska Legationen i Berlin anförtrodde mig för vidarebefordran, när jag här om dagen besökte dem.

Jag har varit tvungen att taga med brevet i öppnat skick, vilket jag hoppas Du ursäktar.

Högaktningsfullt  
R Wallenberg

Bil.

38. Translation from Swedish.

Stockholm 3 October, 1942

Mr Raoul Wallenberg, Architect  
Bragevägen 12  
S t o c k h o l m

Dear Raoul,

My heartfelt thanks for your kind congratulations on my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday and for the beautiful flowers that you sent me. I greatly appreciate your attention.

Your affectionate,  
JW

39. Translation from Swedish.

MELLANEUROPEISKA HANDELS A.-B.  
CABLE ADDRESS  
MEROPA

TEL. 67 22 83  
67 22 84  
STRANDVÄGEN 7 A  
STOCKHOLM, 9 November, 1942.RW/No

Mr Jacob Wallenberg  
c/o Stockholms Enskilda Bank A.-B.,  
Stockholm.

Dear Jacob!

I am pleased to send you the enclosed letter, which the Swedish Legation in Berlin entrusted me with the other day when I paid a visit to them, for onward transmission.

I had to bring the letter in its present, opened state, which I hope you will excuse.

Yours faithfully,  
R Wallenberg

Encl.

40. Typewritten letter from Koloman Lauer to Jacob Wallenberg.

DR. KOLOMAN LAUER  
DIREKTÖR I  
MELLANEUROPEISKA HANDELS A.-B.

STOCKHOLM 23/5 1944  
Besv. 23/5

Herr Bankdirektör Jacob Wallenberg  
Stockholms Enskilda Bank AB  
Stockholm 16

Härmed tillåter jag mig besvara Eder i följande angelägenhet.

Jag förutsätter, att judarnas läge i Ungern är Eder bekant. Min hustrus och mina anhöriga ha under de sista veckorna deporterats till okänd ort. Min 79-årig svärfar och min 74-årig svärmor förlorade två söner i förra världskriget, den tredje sonen, som var läkare, deporterades redan för 6 veckor sedan.

Jag har gjort flera försök att rädda mina svärföräldrar och en 5-årig systerdotter, men hittills förgäves, enär de ej kunna erhålla ett svenskt provisoriskt pass och därmed svenska legationens i Budapest beskydd med mindre jag är svensk medborgare. På tillrådan av skeppsredare Sven Salén vill jag nu lägga in ansökan om svenskt medborgarskap, och jag skulle vara Eder synnerligen förbunden, om Ni ville lämna mig ett intyg, som kunde bifogas ansökningshandlingarna. Jag har utom av skeppsredare Sven Salén fått intyg beträffande mitt arbete och min insats i svenskt näringsliv från Kooperativa Förbundet, bankdirektör Erik Björkman, (Skandinaviska Banken), kapten Georg Österdahl, (ordförande i Svenska Grossistförbundet, Göteborg), Riksdagsman Gösta Liedberg, (ordförande i Statens Hästexportberedning), fältveterinär Henrik Breide, Hälsingborg, samt från flera importfirmor i livsmedelsbranschen.

Enligt min advokats åsikt föreligger utsikter att jag skulle få svenskt medborgarskap, dock är det av största betydelse, att saken påskyndas så mycket som möjligt.

Jag tillåter mig att bifoga avskrifter av intyg från bankdirektör Erik Björkman och Kooperativa Förbundet, och ber om ursäkt att jag besvarar Eder med denna min privata angelägenhet. Jag vore Eder mycket tacksam, om Ni kunde vara mig behjälplig.

Med utmärkt högaktning  
Koloman Lauer

41. Typewritten letter from Jacob Wallenberg to Koloman Lauer.

ID

den 23 maj 1944.

Herr Dr. Koloman Lauer  
Mellaneuropeiska Handels A.-B.  
S t o c k h o l m

Med anledning av Eder dagsskrivelse ber jag härmed få översända det begärda intyget i förhoppning om att detsamma skall vara Eder till nytta vid Eder ansökan om svenskt medborgarskap.

Med utmärkt högaktning  
JW

40. Translation from Swedish.

DR KOLOMAN LAUER,  
MANAGER OF MELLANEUROPEISKA HANDELS A.-B.

STOCKHOLM 23 May, 1944  
Answered on 23 May

Mr Jacob Wallenberg  
Stockholms Enskilda Bank AB  
Stockholm 16

I take the liberty of bothering you with the following matter.

I take it for granted that you are aware of the situation for the Jews in Hungary. During the last couple of weeks my wife's and my own relatives have been deported to unknown destinations. My father-in-law, 79 years old, and my mother-in-law, 74 years old, lost two sons in World War I and their third son, a physician, was deported six weeks ago.

I have made several attempts to save my parents-in law and a five-year old niece - so far in vain - since they have not been able to obtain a provisional Swedish passport and thus the protection of the Swedish Legation, because I am not a Swedish citizen. Upon Shipowner Sven Salén's advice I now wish to apply for a Swedish citizenship. I would be much obliged, if you could issue a certificate that I could attach to my application documents. In addition to Sven Salén, the following persons/organisations have issued certificates regarding my work and my achievements for Swedish industry: Kooperativa Förbundet (Swedish Co-operative Union and Wholesale Society), Erik Björkman (Manager of Skandinaviska Banken), Captain Georg Österdahl (Chairman of the Swedish Federation of Wholesalers and Importers, Göteborg), MP Gösta Liedberg (Chairman of the Swedish Horse Export Committee), Army Veterinary Surgeon Henrik Breide, Hälsingborg as well as several importing firms in the food producing business.

In my lawyer's opinion, I stand a chance of obtaining Swedish citizenship. However, it is of the greatest importance that the matter be speeded up as much as possible.

I allow myself to enclose copies of certificates from Manager Erik Björkman and the Swedish Co-operative Union and apologise for bothering you with this private matter of mine. I would be extremely grateful to you if you could help me.

Yours faithfully,  
Koloman Lauer

41. Translation from Swedish.

ID 23 May, 1944

Dr Koloman Lauer  
Mellaneuropeiska Handels A.-B.  
Stockholm

In reply to your letter of today I am pleased to send you enclosed the certificate that you asked for. I hope that it will be useful to you in connection with your application for Swedish citizenship.

Yours faithfully,  
JW

ID

den 23 maj 1944.

Med anledning av att ungerske undersåten, Dr. Koloman Lauer, sökt svenskt medborgarskap, får jag härmed intyga följande:

Dr. Lauer, som är direktör i Mellaneuropeiska Handels A.-B., har i denna sin egenskap under årens lopp haft affärer med Stockholms Enskilda Bank. Vi hava därvid haft de bästa erfarenheter av hans person, och hans affärer med oss hava alltid skötts på ett sakkunnigt och korrekt sätt. Enligt vår uppfattning har han vid handhavandet av bolagets affärer visat prov på stor duglighet och stora kunskaper. Jag tvekar därför icke att rekommendera honom till erhållande av svenskt medborgarskap.

Stockholm, som ovan.

JW

#### 42. Typewritten letter from Raoul Wallenberg to Jacob Wallenberg.

RAOUL WALLEMBERG  
Bragevägen 12, Stockholm  
Tel. 20 92 72

den 23 maj 1944  
Erk i bortavaro 24/5

Kontor:  
Mellaneuropeiska Handels AB  
Strandvägen 7 a,  
Tel. 67 22 83-4

Käre Jacob,

Dr Lauer, som jämte mig är direktör i Mellaneuropeiska Handels AB, har i dag skrivit Dig och bett om ett intyg, som han skulle framlägga för myndigheterna, när han söker svenskt medborgarskap.

Att Dr Lauer söker medborgarskap redan nu, sedan han varit i Sverige blott några år, beror på att han då skulle kunna få svenska legationens i Budapest hjälp för sina svärföräldrar, sin syster och sin sväger. Dessa ha på grund av de sista judelagarnas tillkomst blivit borttransporterade.

Vad som begäres är en förklaring, att han så och så många år stått i affärsförbindelse med banken, och att han på ett korrekt sätt avvecklat sina mellanhavanden. Om det kunde tilläggas, att han synes vara en man som besitter sakkunskap särskilt inom livsmedelsbranschen och de transportfrågor, som hänga samman med denna, och att han i denna egenskap synes vara önskvärd som medborgare, så skulle naturligtvis intygets värde förhöjas.

Jag är på grund av min ställning synnerligen intresserad av Dr. Lauers personliga välgång och skulle vara mycket tacksam, om Du kunde utställa ett dylikt intyg.

Avsikten är att inlämna samtliga handlingar i ärendet omedelbart, så att det kunde behandlas av ÖÄ redan på fredag, då Salén skall tala med Nothin.

Din tillgivne  
R Wallenberg

#### 43. Typewritten letter from the secretary of Jacob Wallenberg to Raoul Wallenberg..

ID

den 24 maj 1944.

Herr Arkitekt Raoul Wallenberg,  
Mellaneuropeiska Handels A.-B.,  
Strandvägen 7 A,  
S t o c k h o l m.

I Bankdirektör Jacob Wallenbergs bortavaro får jag härmed erkänna emottagandet av Eder skrivelse av gårdagen beträffande Dr. Lauer, vilken skrivelse jag icke skall underlåta att förelägga Herr Wallenberg vid hans återkomst.

Jag tillåter mig i detta sammanhang nämna, att Dr. Lauer i går efter personlig hänvändelse till Herr Wallenberg erhållit det önskade intyget.

Högaktningsfullt  
NS  
Sokr.

ID

23 May, 1944

With respect to the application for Swedish citizenship that Hungarian subject Dr Koloman Lauer has submitted I wish to certify the following:

In his capacity as Manager of Mellaneuropeiska Handels A.-B., Dr Lauer has had business transactions with Stockholms Enskilda Bank for many years. We have the best experience of his person and his transactions with us have always been conducted in a professional and correct manner. In our opinion, he has managed the business of the company with great skill and expertise. Therefore, I do not hesitate to recommend him to obtain Swedish citizenship.

Stockholm as above  
JW

42. Translation from Swedish.

RAOUL WALLEMBERG  
Bragevägen 12, Stockholm  
Telephone 20 92 72

23 May, 1944  
Acknowledged on 24 May, during absence

Office:  
Mellaneuropeiska Handels AB  
Strandvägen 7 a,  
Telephone 67 22 83-4

Dear Jacob,

Dr Lauer, who together with me is a Manager of Mellaneuropeiska Handels AB, sent you a letter today, asking for a certificate that he wishes to present to the authorities in connection with his application for Swedish citizenship.

The reason for which Dr Lauer applies for citizenship already at this point, having spent only a couple of years in Sweden, is that he would then be able to obtain the Swedish Budapest Legation's assistance for his parents-in-law, his sister and brother-in-law, who due to the latest laws regarding Jews have been deported.

What he needs is an explanation that he has been doing business with the bank for such and such number of years and that he has conducted his transactions in a correct way. If you could add that he seems to be a person of great expertise, particularly as regards the food industry and related transportation matters and that, in this capacity he seems to be a valuable citizen, the value of the certificate would of course increase.

Due to my position, I am extremely interested in Dr Lauer's personal welfare and would be very grateful if you could issue such a certificate.

The intention is to submit all documents regarding this matter without delay in order to make it possible for the Office of the Governor of Stockholm to deal with it as early as Friday, when Salén will speak with Nothin.

Your affectionate,  
R Wallenberg

43. Translation from Swedish.

ID

24 May, 1944

Mr Raoul Wallenberg, Architect  
Mellaneuropeiska Handels AB  
Strandvägen 7 a,  
S t o c k h o l m

In the absence of Mr Jacob Wallenberg I hereby acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday regarding Dr Lauer. I shall not fail to present this letter to Mr Wallenberg as soon as he returns.

In this connection I take the liberty of mentioning that Dr Lauer, after turning to Mr Wallenberg in person yesterday, has received the certificate that he asked for.

Yours faithfully,  
NS  
Secretary

44. Typewritten letter from Koloman Lauer to Jacob Wallenberg.

DR. KOLOMAN LAUER  
DIREKTÖR I  
MELLANEUROPEISKA HANDELS A.-B.

STOCKHOLM 29/9 1944  
Besv. 4/10

Herr Bankdirektör Jakob Wallenberg  
Stockholms Enskilda Bank AB  
Stockholm 16

Förra veckan talade jag i telefon med Raoul, och han bad mig fråga Eder, om han behövs här i Stockholm för att delta i Enskilda Bankens byggnadsplaner.

Frånsett detta vore det med hänsyn till Raouls egen existens mycket önskvärt att han komme hit så snart som möjligt och återupptoge sin verksamhet i firman.

Enligt meddelande från Londons radio ha ryska trupper på tre - fyra olika ställen trängt in i Ungern och hela slätten ligger öppen utan naturliga hinder för dem ända fram till huvudstaden. Så snart ryssarna kommit till Budapest, kan Raoul endast genom Ryssland komma till Sverige, och denna resa är mödosam och alla formaliteter komma att taga mycket lång tid.

Om Ni anser det vara riktigt, vore jag mycket tacksam om Ni ville intervensera hos UD, så att Raoul snart får resa hem. Jag bär ett visst moraliskt ansvar för hans resa, då jag förmått honom att taga på sig denna mission.

Högaktningsfullt  
Koloman Lauer

45. Typewritten letter from Jacob Wallenberg to Koloman Lauer.

NS

den 4 oktober 1944.

Herr Dr. Koloman Lauer,  
Mellaneuropeiska Handels A.-B.,  
Strandvägen 7A,  
S t o c k h o l m.

Härmed får jag erkänna emottagandet av Eder skrivelse av den 29 pto. De byggnadsplaner, som Raoul refererar till, röra vårt intresse i Huvudsta, där ingenting brådskande föreligger. Jag har även varit i förbindelse med Utrikesrådet Engzell på Utrikesdepartementet, vilken handlägger de ärenden inom departementet, vilka Raoul företräder i Budapest. Enligt Engzell är Raoul anställd vid legationen i Budapest som legationssekreterare och åtnjuter som sådan politisk immunitet. Han har ~~loft~~ lovat skriva till Raoul och efterhöra, hur han själv ser på sitt arbete och om tidpunkten för eventuell återresa.

Högaktningsfullt  
JW



44. Translation from Swedish.

DR KOLOMAN LAUER, MANAGER,  
MELLANEUROPEISKA HANDELS A.-B.

STOCKHOLM, 29 September, 1944  
Answered on 4 October

Mr Jacob Wallenberg  
Stockholms Enskilda Bank AB  
Stockholm 16

Last week I spoke with Raoul over the telephone. He asked me to inquire of you whether his services are needed here in Stockholm in connection with Enskilda Banken's building plans.

Apart from this, in view of Raoul's own existence it would be highly desirable that he get here as soon as possible in order to resume his activities with the firm.

According to a message from the radio of London, Russian troops have penetrated Hungary in three or four different locations and the whole flat land lies open to them, without any natural obstacles, all the way to the capital. As soon as the Russians arrive in Budapest, the only way for Raoul to come to Sweden goes through Russia. Such a journey is tiresome and all the formalities will take a very long time.

If you consider it appropriate, I would be most grateful if you would intervene with the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs in order to permit Raoul to return home soon. In a sense I am morally responsible for his journey, since I am the one who persuaded him to take on this mission.

Yours faithfully,  
Koloman Lauer

45. Translation from Swedish.

NS

4 October, 1944

Dr Koloman Lauer  
Mellaneuropeiska Handels A.-B.  
Strandvägen 7 A,  
S t o c k h o l m

I hereby acknowledge receipt of your letter of 29 September. The building plans that Raoul makes reference to are related to our interest in Huvudsta, which is not urgent. I have been in touch with Mr Engzell, Head of the Political Department of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, who is in charge in the Ministry for the matters that Raoul represents in Budapest. According to Mr Engzell, Raoul is employed as Legation Secretary at the Budapest Legation, in which capacity he enjoys political immunity. ~~However,~~ he promised to write to Raoul in order to inquire how he himself looks upon his work and a suitable time for his possible return home.

Yours faithfully,  
JW

46. Typewritten letter from Koloman Lauer to Jacob Wallenberg.

DR. KOLOMAN LAUER  
DIREKTÖR I  
MELLANEUROPEISKA HANDELS A.-B.

STOCKHOLM 19/12 1944  
Besv. 8/1

Bankdirektör Jakob Wallenberg  
Stockholms Enskilda Bank AB  
Stockholm

Från Raoul fick jag idag ett brev, daterat 8 december i Budapest, vari han meddelar följande:

Han ämnar stanna i Budapest några månader efter ryska besättningen av staden och bilda en internationell förening för återställandet av judisk egendom; han antar, att han i alla fall inte kan komma iväg så snart, om resan skall gå över Ryssland.

Samtidigt ber han mig fråga Eder, hur det blir med hans plats i Huvudsta, när han nu kommer att stanna borta ytterligare några månader. Då Raoul ber mig telegrafera om saken, vore jag mycket tacksam för ett meddelande så snart som möjligt.

Jag ber vid detta tillfälle att få tacka Eder för det stöd, Ni så tillmötesgående lämnat mig i samband med min ansökan om svenskt medborgarskap.

Med önskan om en God Jul och ett Gott Nytt År

Eder  
K. Lauer

47. Typewritten letter from Jacob Wallenberg to Koloman Lauer.

ID

den 8 jan. 1945.

Herr Dr. Koloman Lauer,  
Mellaneuropeiska Handels AB.,  
S t o c k h o l m.

På sin tid mottog jag Eder skrivelse av den 19 pto och tackar för Edra vänliga jul- och nyårsönskningar, vilka jag ber att få återgälda på det varmaste.

Vad beträffar frågan om Raoul Wallenberg och Huvudsta ber jag få meddela, att densamma kommer att stå öppen tills vidare.

Med utmärkt högaktning  
JW

46. Translation from Swedish.

DR KOLOMAN LAUER  
MANAGER OF MELLANEUROPEISKA HANDELS A.-B.

STOCKHOLM 19 December, 1944  
Answered on 8 January

Bank director Jacob Wallenberg  
Stockholms Enskilda Bank AB  
Stockholm

Today I received a letter from Raoul, dated Budapest 8 December, in which he informs me of the following:

He intends to stay in Budapest a couple of months after the Russian invasion of the city in order to form an international association for the restoration of Jewish assets; he assumes that he at any rate is unable to get away very soon, if the journey is going to pass through Russia.

At the same time he asks me to inquire of you what will happen to his employment in Huvudsta, now that he will stay away for an additional couple of months. Since Raoul has asked me to send a cable regarding this matter I would be most grateful for an answer as quickly as possible.

I wish to seize this opportunity to thank you for the support that you so willingly rendered me in connection with my application for Swedish citizenship.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

I remain  
K. Lauer

47. Translation from Swedish.

ID

8 January, 1945

Dr Koloman Lauer  
Mellaneuropeiska Handels AB.,  
S t o c k h o l m

Some time ago I received your letter of 19 December. I thank you for your kind wishes for Christmas and New Year, extending my own warmest wishes to you.

As regards Raoul Wallenberg and Huvudsta I am pleased to inform you that the opening will be available until further notice.

Yours faithfully,  
JW

48. Typewritten letter from Koloman Lauer to Marcus Wallenberg.

DR. KOLOMAN LAUER  
DIREKTÖR I  
MELLANUEROPEISKA HANDELS A.-B.

STOCKHOLM 20/4 1945

Herr Bankdirektör Marcus Wallenberg junior  
Stockholms Enskilda Bank AB  
Stockholm 16

Beträffande Raoul vill jag meddela följande detaljer.

I början på juni 1944 frågade professor Ehrenpreis mig, om jag visste någon, som kunde sändas till Budapest för att undersöka förhållandena i judefrågan.

Från den 19 mars 1944 till mitten på juni hade över 400.000 ungerska judar deporterats av de tyska och ungerska myndigheterna.

Jag föreslog då Raoul, och ett sammanträffande ägde rum i min närvaro, varvid professor Ehrenpreis sade till Raoul, att han skulle vara honom evigt tacksam om han ville åtaga sig missionen.

Professor Ehrenpreis satte så i gång en aktion till planens förverkligande. Samtidigt anhöll amerikanska legationen på uppdrag av Washington om hjälp i den ungerska judefrågan hos UD, så att professor Ehrenpreis' och envoyé Johnsons interventioner löpte parallellt hos UD.

Under tiden ordnades ett sammanträffande med Mr. Ivar [sic!] Olsen, förste attaché och generalombud för alla judiska frågor i Europa. Han ansåg Raoul vara den rätte mannen för uppdraget och förklarade i min närvaro, att amerikanska legationen skulle lämna det materiella underlaget för hans mission. Raoul var emellertid inkallad vid denna tidpunkt, och jag gjorde meddelande om saken till skeppsredare Sven Salén, som diskuterade den med envoyé Johnson och senare ordnade ett sammanträffande mellan honom och Raoul. Hans uppfattning om Raoul var så gynnsam, att han tackade UD för att de valt just honom.

Efter envoyé Johnsons intervention bad UD Raoul om ett besök, varvid kabinettssekreterare Boheman frågade honom, om han ville inträda i UD's tjänst och såsom legationssekreterare resa till Budapest. Efter några dagars betänketid accepterade Raoul UD's förslag och det träffades överenskommelse, att Raoul skulle erhålla 2000 kronor per månad i lön, å andra sidan skulle han utträda ur Mellaneuropeiska Handels AB, där han varit anställd som direktör, samt förplikta sig att ej syssla med några affärer.

Innan Raoul reste överlämnade Mr. Ivar Olsen 10000 kronor och senare ställde han genom mig 50000 kronor till förfogande, som jag betalade in på ett för detta ändamål upprättat konto i Enskilda banken, kallat Raoul Wallenberg specialkonto. Ytterligare inbetalningar gjordes av Mr. Ivar Olsen direkt på kontot. Jag känner ej till den exakta summan, men jag tror att den gick upp till några 100000 kronor. Enskilda Banken sände in avierna till UD, som vidarebefordrade dem till Raoul.

Det kan konstateras att amerikanska regeringen visade synnerligen stort intresse för Raouls mission samt att de nödvändiga penningemedlen ställdes till förfogande av närvarande amerikanska legationen.

Sitt krävande arbete skötte Raoul ända in i det sista, ja då redan Budapest dragits in i kampzonen och striden stod på gatorna arbetade han för att rädda människor, - han sade till sina medarbetare, att han inte kunde lämna sina skyddslingar i sticket.

Följande fakta kunna konstateras:

- 1) Envoyé Danielsson fick ett förtroligt meddelande, att Gestapo och SS ville göra slut på Raouls arbete och ej skydde radikala medel. Han meddelade Raoul detta och det beslöts att han skulle försöka komma över på ryska sidan med en del av sina skyddslingar.
- 2) Första legationssekreterare Per Anger talade sist med Raoul den 10 januari 1945.
- 3) Enligt utsago av två tillförlitliga personer sågo de Raoul den 17 januari i sällskap med sin chaufför och två ryska officerare.
- 4) Ett telegram har sänts till UD med underrättelse om att Aussenkommissariat meddelat att Raouls person och egendom står under ryskt beskydd.

Av ovanstående kan man sluta sig till att Raoul anlönt välbehållen hos ryssarna, som icke komma att låta något ont vederfaras honom, enär han personligen såväl som hans mission åtnjutit deras största sympati. Detta har sagts mig i november förra året av en tjänsteman på ryska handelsdelegationen.

Å andra sidan medförde Raoul en hel del anteckningar och fotografier över de illdåd, som de tyska och ungerska nazisterna förövat, och det kan ju tänkas att det hänt honom en olycka på vägen till Debreczen.

48. Translation from Swedish.

DR KOLOMAN LAUER, MANAGER,  
MELLANEUROPEISKA HANDELS A.-B-

STOCKHOLM 20 April, 1945

Mr Marcus Wallenberg Junior  
Stockholms Enskilda Bank AB  
Stockholm 16

As regards Raoul, I wish to inform you about the following details.

In early June 1944, Professor Ehrenpreis asked me whether I knew anybody who could be sent to Budapest in order to investigate the conditions of the Jews.

Between 19 March and mid-June 1944, more than 400,000 Hungarian Jews were deported by the German and the Hungarian authorities.

I recommended Raoul, and a meeting was arranged, in my presence, at which Professor Ehrenpreis told Raoul that he would be grateful to him forever if he would accept the mission.

Professor Ehrenpreis started to act in order to implement the plan. At the same time, the American Legation, by order of Washington, asked the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs for assistance regarding the Hungarian Jews, which meant that Professor Ehrenpreis' and Envoy Johnson's interventions with the Ministry for Foreign Affairs ran in parallel.

In the meantime, a meeting was arranged with Mr Ivar [sic!] Olsen, First Attaché and General Representative for all Jewish issues in Europe. He considered that Raoul was the right man for the assignment and declared, in my presence, that the American Legation would provide the material foundation for his mission. However, at this time Raoul was called up for military service, about which I informed Shipowner Sven Salén. Salén discussed the matter with Envoy Johnson and arranged a meeting between Johnson and Raoul later on. His opinion about Raoul was so favourable that he expressed his thanks to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs for having picked precisely Raoul.

After Envoy Johnson's intervention, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs arranged a meeting with Raoul, during which Mr Boheman, Under-secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, asked him whether he was willing to take up duty with the Ministry and go to Budapest as Secretary of Legation. After a few days of thinking the matter over, Raoul accepted the Foreign Ministry's proposal. It was agreed that Raoul would receive 2,000 Swedish kronor per month in salary, although he had to resign from his position as Manager of Mellaneuropeiska Handels AB and also commit himself not to engage in any business transactions.

Before Raoul's departure, Mr Ivar Olsen handed him 10,000 Swedish kronor. Later on, he put 50,000 Swedish kronor at Raoul's disposal, through me, which I deposited to a special account opened for this purpose with Enskilda Banken, called Raoul Wallenberg's special account. Ivar Olsen made further direct deposits to the account. I do not know the exact amount, but I believe that it was in the order of a couple of 100,000 kronor. Enskilda Banken sent the statements of account to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, which forwarded them to Raoul.

It is clear that the American Government showed an extremely keen interest in Raoul's mission and that the necessary monetary funds were made available by the American Legation in Stockholm.

Raoul performed his arduous work until the very last moment, yes, he worked to save people still when Budapest had been drawn into the fighting zone and the battle was fought on the streets. He told his co-workers that he could not leave his protégés in the lurch.

The following facts are clear:

- 1) Envoy Danielsson received a confidential message that Gestapo and the SS wanted to put an end to Raoul's work and that they would not shrink from using radical means. He informed Raoul about this and it was decided that Raoul should try and get over to the Russian side together with some of his protégés.
- 2) Per Anger, First Secretary of Legation, spoke with Raoul for the last time on 10 January, 1945.
- 3) According to two reliable persons, Raoul was seen by them on 17 January in company with his chauffeur and two Russian officers.
- 4) A cable was sent to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs according to which the Aussenkommissariat had informed that Raoul's person and property were under Russian protection.

It can be concluded from the above that Raoul arrived safely to the Russians, who will see to it that nothing harmful happens to him, since they regarded him both personally and his mission with the greatest sympathy. An officer with the Russian Trade Delegation told me this in November last year.

On the other hand, Raoul brought with him several notes and photographs of the outrages that the German and Hungarian Nazis had committed. It is of course possible that he met with some misfortune on his way to Debreczen.

Enligt sekreterare Angers utsago finns dock hopp om att han befinner sig hos någon rysk kommandantur utan möjlighet till att få kontakt med sina anhöriga eller UD. Detta hopp baserar jag på följande meddelanden från sekreterare Anger och Berg.

Herr Anger var själv borta i 5 veckor, och den ryska kommandanten telegraferade till Moskva att han stod under ryskt skydd. Emellertid visade det sig senare att telegrammet icke kommit fram. Attaché Berg upplevde ungefär samma sak. Han hamnade hos ryssarna i ett annat kvarter och det dröjde flera veckor innan han förenades med minister Danielssons grupp, som under tiden ej vetat något om honom.

Man får ej glömma att Ungern är ett viktigt område för uppmarschen mot Tyskland och alla trafikmöjligheter begränsade. Därför tror jag ej att min optimism är ogrundad.

I det jag ber Eder behandla mina uppgifter om amerikanska legationen strängt konfidentiellt, då jag ej är befogad att meddela något härom, tecknar jag

med utmärkt högaktning  
Koloman Lauer

#### 49. Typewritten letter from Marcus Wallenberg to Alexandra Kollontay.

ID , le 20 avril 1945.

Son Excellence  
Madame A. Kollontay,  
M o s c o u.

Chère Madame,

Permettez-moi de m'adresser à vous dans une affaire strictement privée. Il s'agit d'un de mes parents, M. Raoul Wallenberg qui était attaché à la Légation de Suède à Budapest. Là, il est intervenu avec beaucoup de force et de courage pour sauver les juifs de la Gestapo et de "Pilkorset".

La dernière nouvelle que nous avons sur lui était une dépêche envoyée par le Ministre de Suède à Moscou disant que selon les informations fournies par le vice commissaire Dekanosov, les troupes soviétiques auraient trouvé M. Wallenberg dans la rue de Benzur dans la partie de la ville occupée par eux et que les autorités militaires avaient fait le nécessaire pour le sauvegarder, lui et sa propriété.

Maintenant que trois mois se sont écoulés sans nouvelles, la famille Wallenberg et surtout les parents proches de M. Raoul, sont naturellement très inquiets et vous sersient extrêmement obligés si, pendant votre séjour à Moscou, vous pouviez user de votre bonne influence pour faire des recherches.

En vous remerciant vivement d'avance de tout ce que vous pouvez faire à ce sujet et dans l'espoir que vous vous trouvez en bonne santé je vous prie d'agréer, Chère Madame, mes hommages les plus respectueux et l'assurance de mes sentiments très amicaux.

/s/

According to Secretary Anger, however, there is hope that he is with some Russian commandant, without any possibility to get in touch with his relatives or with the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. I am basing this hope on the following messages from Secretary Anger and Berg.

Mr Anger himself was away for 5 weeks and the Russian commandant cabled to Moscow that he was under Russian protection. Later on, however, it turned out that the cable had never reached its destination. Attaché Berg experienced more or less the same thing. He was detained by the Russians in another quarter and it took several weeks before he could join Minister Danielsson's group, which had known nothing of his whereabouts in the meantime.

We should not forget that Hungary is an important area for the concentration on Germany and that all traffic is limited. Therefore, I do not believe that my optimism is unfounded.

I ask you to treat my information about the American Legation in strictest confidence, since I have not been authorised to reveal anything about this. I remain

Yours sincerely,  
Koloman Lauer

#### 49. Translation from French.

ID , 20 April 1945.

Your Excellency  
Madame A. Kollontay  
M o s c o w

Dear Madam,

Allow me to turn to you on a strictly private matter concerning one of my relatives, Mr Raoul Wallenberg, who was an envoy at the Swedish Legation in Budapest. He intervened very forcefully and courageously there to save Jews from Gestapo and "Pilkorset" (the Arrow Cross).

The last piece of news that we have received about him was a dispatch that was sent by the Swedish Minister to Moscow, saying that according to information furnished by Vice Commisar Dekanosov, the Soviet troops would have found Mr Wallenberg in the Benzur street in the part of the city that they occupied and that the military authorities had taken the necessary measures to save him and his property.

Now that three months have passed without news, the Wallenberg family, particularly Mr Raoul's close relatives, are naturally very worried and would be much obliged to you if you could use your influence in order to research the matter during your sojourn in Moscow.

Thanking you in advance for all that you can do on the subject and hoping that you are in good health I ask to convey to you, Dear Madam, my most respectful regards.

/s/

50. Typewritten letter from Koloman Lauer to Marcus Wallenberg.

DR. KOLOMAN LAUER  
DIREKTÖR I  
MELLANUEROPEISKA HANDELS A.-B.

STOCKHOLM 16/5 1945  
*besv. per tel.*

Herr Bankdirektör Marcus Wallenberg junior  
Stockholms Enskilda Bank AB  
Stockholm 16

Jag återkommer just från en resa i Skåne, där jag besökt flera flyktingsläger och talat med över 100 ungerska kvinnor, som genom Svenska Röda Korset räddats ur tyska koncentrationsläger. Mer än 20% av kvinnorna äro så allvarligt insjuknade i tbc, - huvudsakligen bentuberkulos - , att de icke torde kunna överleva. Jag har sett kvinnor, som voro helt sönderslagna och fulla med varbölder, - unga flickor som sågo ut att vara 40 år gamla. Genomsnittsvikten var 31 - 35 kg.

Jag anser det vara min uppgift att försätta Raouls verk. En kommitté har bildats, och skeppsredare Sven Salén har förklarat sig beredd att deltaga i den. Andra medlemmar äro generalkonsul Carl Axel Pettersson och konsul Ekmark, som i cirka 6 månaders tid var Raouls medarbetare i Budapest. Jag har tänkt, att Ni, Bankdirektör Wallenberg, önskar vara med i denna kommitté, som skall bära namnet "Raoul Wallenbergs Hjälpkommitté för ungerska deporterade".

Direktör Gunnar Josephson, ordförande i Mosaiska Församlingen, anser denna kommitté vara mycket önskvärd, vars arbete kommer att ske i intim kontakt med Mosaiska Församlingen.

Härmed närslutes ett utprop, som skall offentliggöras i tidningarna i morgon.

Jag vore mycket tacksam få veta Edert beslut redan i dag.

Med utmärkt högaktning  
Koloman Lauer

#### Förslag.

Vädjan till allmänheten från  
"Raoul Wallenbergs Hjälpkommitté  
för ungerska deporterade".

Under Raoul Wallenbergs ledning har ett 20000 tal ungrare räddats från undergång, men trots hans bemödanden och uppoffrande arbete har flera hundratusen olyckliga människor deporterats och till största delen förintats.

Svenska Röda Korset har räddat flera hundra kvinnor över till Sverige, som enligt föreliggande rapporter gått igenom de helvetiska tortyrerna i Auschwitz, Ravensbrück, Birkenau, Bielitz, Langenhorst. Ingen än så lysande författares penna skulle bättre kunna skildra dessa smärtfyllda varelsers lidanden än de själva med sitt ordkarga framställningssätt. Föräldrar brändes till döds inför sina barns ögon, systrar tvingades att slå och pina varandra, kvinnor gjordes genom fysisk och psykisk tortyr till krymplingar.

"Raoul Wallenbergs Hjälpkommitté för ungerska deporterade" har gjort till sin uppgift att hjälpa och stödja dessa kvinnor, att förskaffa dem nödvändiga föremål för dagligt bruk, att återföra dem till samhällslivet och nyttigt arbete och på så sätt skapa en blygsam grund för framtiden.

Hjälp oss att fortsätta Raoul Wallenbergs verk!

Vi be alla humant tänkande, godhjärtade människor giva oss ett bidrag. Kläder och andra föremål torde sändas till: .....

Kontanta bidrag torde insättas på .....



50. Translation from Swedish.

DR KOLOMAN LAUER, MANAGER  
MELLANEUROPEISKA HANDELS A.-B.

STOCKHOLM 16 May, 1945  
*answered by telephone*

Mr Bank director Marcus Wallenberg Junior  
Stockholms Enskilda Bank AB  
Stockholm 16

I have just returned from a trip to Skåne (Scania – the southernmost province of Sweden), where I visited several refugee camps and spoke with more than 100 Hungarian women, who had been rescued from German concentration camps by the Swedish Red Cross. More than 20 % of the women were taken so seriously ill with tuberculosis, mainly skeletal tuberculosis, that they are unlikely to survive. I have seen women, who were completely battered to pieces and full of abscesses, young women who looked like they were over 40 years old. The average weight was between 31 and 35 kilograms.

I see it as my task to continue Raoul's work. A committee has been formed and Shipowner Sven Salén has declared himself willing to participate. Other members are General Consul Carl Axel Pettersson and Consul Ekmark, who worked together with Raoul in Budapest for about 6 months. I thought that you, Mr Wallenberg, might wish to be a member of this committee, which will be called "Raoul Wallenberg's Aid Committee for Hungarian Deportees."

Mr Gunnar Josephson, Chairman of the Jewish Parish, is of the opinion that this committee is highly desirable. It will work in close contact with the Jewish Parish.

Please find enclosed an appeal that will be published in tomorrow's papers.

I would be most grateful to be informed about your decision already today.

Yours sincerely,  
Koloman Lauer

#### Proposal.

Appeal to the general public from the  
"Raoul Wallenberg's Aid Committee  
for Hungarian Deportees."

Under the direction of Raoul Wallenberg, some 20,000 Hungarians have been saved from extinction, but despite his efforts and self-sacrificing work several hundreds of thousands deplorable people have been deported and, to a very great extent, annihilated.

The Swedish Red Cross has saved and brought to Sweden several hundreds of women, who according to existing reports had been put to the infernal tortures of Auschwitz, Ravensbrück, Birkenau, Bielitz and Langenhorst. No author, no matter how brilliant, could better describe the sufferings of these harassed creatures than they themselves, with their laconic delivery. Parents were burnt to death under the very eyes of their children, sisters were forced to hit and torment each other, women were crippled through physical and psychological torture.

"Raoul Wallenberg's Aid Committee for Hungarian Deportees" has taken on the mission to help and support these women, to provide them with all that is necessary to daily life, to bring them back to society and to useful work, thus creating a modest foundation for the future.

Help us continue Raoul Wallenberg's work!

We call upon all human and good-hearted people to give us their contribution. Clothes and other objects could be sent to.....

Contributions in cash could be deposited to.....

51. Typewritten letter from Mellaneuropeiska Handels AB to Rolf Calissendorff.

MELLANEUROPEISKA HANDELS A.-B.  
STOCKHOLMS FRIHAMN

TELEGRAM  
MEROA  
POSTGIRO 5 72 32

8/8 1945 L/hmm  
Tel. 67 22 83  
67 22 84

REK!  
Bankdirektör Calissendorff  
Stockholms Enskilda Bank AB  
Stockholm 16

Åberopande dagens telefonsamtal få vi härmed översända önskade fullmakt från Hjälpkommittén för Belgiens Barn - Astrid-Barnen.

Med utmärkt högaktning  
MELLANEUROPEISKA HANDELS AB  
K. Lauer

52. Typewritten letter from Mellaneuropeiska Handels AB to Rolf Calissendorff.

MELLANEUROPEISKA HANDELS A.-B.  
STOCKHOLMS FRIHAMN

TELEGRAM  
MEROA  
POSTGIRO 5 72 32

den 24.9.1945. K/EW.  
Tel. 67 22 83  
67 22 84

Stockholms Enskilda Bank Aktiebolag,  
Bankdirektör Calissendorff tillhanda,  
S t o c k h o l m.

Betr. Försäkring av 4 vagnar, Croix-Rouge.

I rubricerade angelägenhet har jag fört förhandlingar med Croix-Rouge. Det är emellertid nödvändigt med ytterligare underlag för försäkringen, nämligen ett kvitto, varav framgår att Hjälpkommittén för Belgiens Barn till oss har erlagt likvid för de 500 paketen. Detta kvitto sända vi idag som express till vår korrespondent i Zug. Före min avresa hade jag ett samtal med ombudet för försäkringsbolaget, som meddelade, att vid uppvisande av detta kvitto, kommer försäkringssumman omgående att anvisas Eder.

Högaktningsfullt  
MELLANEUROPEISKA HANDEÅS ABA [sic!]  
K. Lauer

51. Translation from Swedish.

MELLANEUROPEISKA HANDELS A.-B.  
STOCKHOLMS FRIHAMN

CABLE  
MEROA  
POSTAL GIRO 5 72 32

8 August, 1945 L/hmm  
Telephone 67 22 83  
67 22 84

REGISTERED!  
Mr Calissendorff, Bank Manager,  
Stockholms Enskilda Bank AB  
Stockholm 16

With reference to today's telephone conversation we are pleased to send you the power of attorney of the Aid Committee for the Children of Belgium – Astrid's Children that you requested.

Yours sincerely,  
MELLANEUROPEISKA HANDELS AB  
K. Lauer

52. Translation from Swedish.

MELLANEUROPEISKA HANDELS A.-B.  
STOCKHOLMS FRIHAMN

CABLE  
MEROA  
POSTAL GIRO 5 72 32

24 September, 1945. K/EW  
Telephone 67 22 83  
67 22 84

Stockholms Enskilda Bank Aktiebolag  
Mr Calissendorff, Bank Manager, By hand  
S t o c k h o l m

Re: Insurance of 4 wagons, Croix-Rouge

I have negotiated with Croix-Rouge regarding the captioned matter. It is however necessary to furnish additional records for the insurance, that is a receipt, from which it appears that the Aid Committee for the Children of Belgium has made payment to us for the 500 packages. We are sending this receipt by express mail to our correspondent in Zug. Before my departure, I had a conversation with the representative of the insurance company, who informed me that upon presentation of this receipt the insurance amount will be paid to you without delay.

Yours sincerely,  
MELLANEUROPEISKA HANDEÅS ABA [sic!]  
K. Lauer

53. Typewritten letter from AB Meropa to Jacob Wallenberg.

AB MEROPA  
MELLANEUROPEISKA HANDELS AB  
NORRLANDSGATAN 15 B  
STOCKHOLM SWEDEN  
MEDLEM AV  
SVERIGES ALLMÄNNA EXPORTFÖRENING  
STOCKHOLMS HANDELSKAMMARE

5.9.1947 L/hmm

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TELEGRAM: MEROPA  
CODE: A. B. C. 7<sup>TH</sup> ED.  
POSTGIRO 5 72 32

Bankdirektör Jakob Wallenberg  
Stockholms Enskilda Bank AB  
Stockholm 16

—  
TEL.:           10 97 91  
                  11 18 14  
                  11 18 57  
                  11 18 67  
DR LAUER      11 18 11

Härmed tillåter jag mig översända kopia på mitt brev till Åtvidabergs Industrier, direktör Jacoby, samt avskrift av ett intyg från Raoul Wallenbergs Hjälpkommitté över herr Karl Szabos verksamhet.

Herr Szabo, som är "arier", ställde sig helt till Raouls förfogande i Budapest, och det har fastställts, att han hjälpte Raoul med att förhindra sprängningen av ghetton i Budapest och på så sätt var med om att rädda 20000 människors liv.

Herr Szabo har kommit hit på inbjudan av fru von Dardel. Han har en reparationsverkstad för maskiner i Budapest, som går rätt bra, och söker nu generalagenturen för Åtvidabergs Industrier för Budapest.

Kanske är det icke lämpligt att besvara Eder med detta, men jag gör det ändå för att hjälpa en av Raouls medarbetare - och en trogen sådan. Jag skulle vara synnerligen tacksam för en intervention hos direktör Jacoby, om Ni anser, att möjlighet till sådan föreligger.

Med utmärkt högaktning  
K. Lauer

Våra offerter äro alltid friblivande, såvida ej annorlunda uttryckligen anges.

Vi taga intet ansvar för inställd eller försenad leverans på grund av försynens skickelse, force majeure, strejk, lockout eller åtgärder av myndighet samt transporthinder såvida ej annat anges.

Masterprint Fridman Sthlm 47

54. Handwritten memoranda by Jacob Wallenberg, undated, probably 1980.

Om jag minns rätt, vilket dock kan vara osäkert efter så lång [tid], var R.W anställd i export importbolag som tillhörde Salengruppen. Han och en annan person, vars namn säkert finns hos Saléns papper voro de aktiva. Förmodligen nedreste han i affärssyfte till Budapest där han kom i kontakt med de hemska nazistiska judeförföljelseerna och försökte hjälpa ungerska judar, efter vad jag hörde anställdes han som extra legationssekr. på svenska legation. När jag hörde detta blev jag orolig för att från tysk nazistisk sidan något kunde hända honom. Jag tog därför kontakt med Schellenberg som jag sedan flera år väl kände och bad honom gentemot nazisterna skydda RW, när ryssarna intågade i Budapest gick han själv upp till den ryska ledningen i Budapest i den tron att nu kunde han få den hjälp för sitt syfte att rädda ungerska judar som Hitlers inställning var emot. Sedan han gick in - den ryska posten har alla meddelanden till mig upphört

53. Translation from Swedish.

AB MEROPA  
MELLANEUROPEISKA HANDELS AB  
NORRLANDSGATAN 15 B  
STOCKHOLM SWEDEN  
MEMBER OF THE GENERAL EXPORT ASSOCIATION OF SWEDEN AND  
THE STOCKHOLM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

\_\_\_\_\_ 5 September, 1947 L/hmm

CABLE ADDRESS: MEROPA  
CODE: A.B.C. 7<sup>TH</sup> ED.  
POSTAL GIRO 5 72 32

Mr Jacob Wallenberg  
Stockholms Enskilda Bank AB  
Stockholm 16

TELEPHONE: 10 97 91  
                  11 18 14  
                  11 18 57  
                  11 18 67  
DR LAUER    11 18 11

I take the liberty of sending you a copy of my letter to Mr Jacoby of Åtvidabergs Industrier and a copy of a certificate from Raoul Wallenberg's Aid Committee concerning Mr Karl Szabo's activities.

Mr Szabo, who is an "Aryan", put himself at Raoul's entire disposal in Budapest. It has been ascertained that he helped Raoul to stop the blow-up of the ghetto in Budapest, thus helping to save the lives of 20,000 people.

Mr Szabo has come to Sweden at the invitation of Mrs von Dardel. He owns a repair workshop in Budapest, that is doing pretty well, and is now looking for the general agency for Åtvidabergs Industrier in Budapest.

It may be inappropriate to bother you with this matter. Nevertheless I am doing so in order to help one of Raoul's loyal collaborators. I would be most grateful if you would intervene with Mr Jacoby, if you consider that this is at all possible.

Yours faithfully,  
K. Lauer

*Our offers are always subject to confirmation, unless otherwise expressly stated.*

*We take no responsibility for cancelled or late deliveries due to an act of providence, force majeure, strike, lockout, measures of the authorities or transportation obstacles, unless otherwise stated.*

Masterprint Fridman Sthlm 47

54. Translation from Swedish.

If I remember correctly, which is not certain after such a long [time], R.W. was employed by an export-import company belonging to the Salén Group. He and another person, whose name can certainly be found in the archives of Salén, were the active ones. It was probably for business purposes that he travelled to Budapest, where he acquainted himself with the awful Nazi prosecutions of the Jews and tried to help Hungarian Jews. From what I heard, he was hired by the Swedish Legation as an extra Legation Secretary. When I was informed about this I became worried that something could happen to him from the Nazi-German side. I therefore contacted Schellenberg, whom I had known well for many years, asking him to protect RW from the Nazis. When the Russians invaded Budapest, he himself went up to the Russian Command in Budapest in the belief that he could now obtain the assistance that he needed in order to save Hungarian Jews, to which Hitler was opposed. After he went in – the Russian mail all messages to me have ceased

55. Typewritten letter from Nina Lagergren to Marcus Wallenberg.

Djursholm den 21 mars 1982

NINA LAGERGREN  
Dahlbergsvägen 22  
182 62 DJURSHOLM  
Tel. 755 58 26

Tekn. Dr Herr Marcus Wallenberg  
S t o c k h o l m

Käre Dodde,

På Raoul Wallenberg-Hearingen den 15/1-81 yttrade Du i Ditt tal: "Sista gången jag såg Raoul var i mitt hem under andra världskriget när denne tillfälligt var på besök i Stockholm mitt under sitt uppdrag i Budapest".

Såvitt vi vet var han inte hemma på besök i Sverige under sitt uppdrag i Budapest. Därför vore jag mycket tacksam att få reda på tidpunkten och omständigheterna kring det sammanträffande med Raoul som Du omnämner.

Med vänliga hälsningar  
Din tillgivna  
Nina

55. Translation from Swedish.

Djursholm 21 March, 1982

NINA LAGERGREN  
Dahlbergsvägen 22  
182 62 DJURSHOLM  
Tel. 755 58 26

Mr Marcus Wallenberg, D. Eng.,  
S t o c k h o l m

Dear Dodde,

At the Raoul Wallenberg hearing on 15 January, 1981 you said the following in your speech: "The last time I saw Raoul was at my place during World War II, when he was on a temporary visit to Stockholm in the middle of his assignment in Budapest".

As far as I know he did not visit Sweden during his Budapest assignment. I would therefore be much obliged if you could inform me about the time and the circumstances surrounding the meeting with Raoul that you referred to.

Kind regards,  
Your affectionate  
Nina

56. Indexcard from the register of visitors to Stockholms Enskilda Bank.\*

	Wallenberg Raoul		Herr	†
<u>1937</u>	JW 30/6	<u>1941</u>	NS 17/9	<u>1944</u>
MW 31/3	" 15/7	JW 26/5	GE 23/9	JW 25/1
JW 4/9	" 10/9	RC 29/7	" 24/9	" 31/1
" 28/9	" 13/9	RJ "	RC 20/11	" 2/2
" 5/10	" 13/12	JW 19/9		" 9/2
" 7/10		" 19/11	<u>1943</u>	" 5/6
MWJr 7/12	<u>1940</u>		MWJr 5/7	" 14/6
" 9/12	JW 5/1	<u>1942</u>	JW "	" 15/6
" 23/12		GE 29/6	GE 29/7	
		MWJr 13/7	RC 29/10	
		" 20/7	" 27/12	
<u>1938</u>				
RC 28/1				

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MW Marcus Wallenberg Sr RJ Richard Julin  
 JW Jacob Wallenberg GE Göte Engfors  
 MW Jr Marcus Wallenberg Jr NS Nils Svensson  
 RC Rolf Calissendorff

\* Cf. document no. 36, where the secretary has stated that RW paid JW a visit 11 May, 1939.

57. Excerpts from the typewritten working diaries of Marcus Wallenberg.

1942  
 10/7 Incoming telephone call Mr R. Wallenberg  
 13/7 Visit Mr R. Wallenberg  
 16/7 Incoming telephone call Mister Raoul Wallenberg  
 20/7 Incoming telephone call Mr R. Wallenberg  
 Visit Mister Raoul Wallenberg  
 24/7 Incoming telephone call Mr R. Wallenberg  
 18/11 Incoming telephone call Mr R. Wallenberg

1943  
 25/6 Incoming telephone call Mr R. Wallenberg  
 28/6 Incoming telephone call Mr R. Wallenberg  
 29/6 Outgoing telephone call Mr R. Wallenberg  
 5/7 Visit Mr. R. Wallenberg



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## Notes

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1. Marcus Wallenberg Sr to G O Wallenberg 23 April, 1912. Cf. Gårdlund 1976, pp. 291-292.
2. Gårdlund 1976, p. 438.
3. Raoul Oscar Wallenberg was the originator of the monument at the family burial place at Malmvik on Lovön, just outside Stockholm.
4. Marcus Wallenberg Sr to his daughter Gertrud Arco auf Valley 30 November, 1936. Cf. Gårdlund 1976, p. 580.
5. Marcus Wallenberg Sr to Marcus Wallenberg Jr 26 February, 1935.
6. Marcus Wallenberg Jr to Marcus Wallenberg Sr 10 March, 1935.
7. Marcus Wallenberg Sr to Raoul Wallenberg 23 November, 1936. Raoul Wallenberg to G O Wallenberg 9 December, 1936.
8. Letters of introduction by Marcus Wallenberg Jr on behalf of Raoul Wallenberg 8 February, 1934. Jacob Wallenberg to F. Atterberg of the New York Match Co., Inc., 4 October, 1937. Raoul Wallenberg to Marcus Wallenberg Jr 24 December, 1937.
9. Raoul Wallenberg to Jacob Wallenberg 26 September, 1939. This is also shown by the fact that Stockholms Enskilda Bank kept index cards of visitors, where Raoul Wallenberg was included.
10. Larsson 1998, p. 6.
11. Koloman Lauer to Jacob Wallenberg 23 May, 1944. Jacob Wallenberg to Koloman Lauer 23 May, 1944. Raoul Wallenberg to Jacob Wallenberg 23 May, 1944.
12. Koloman Lauer to Jacob Wallenberg 29 September, 1944. Jacob Wallenberg to Koloman Lauer 4 October, 1944.
13. Koloman Lauer to Jacob Wallenberg 19 December, 1944, referring to a letter from Raoul Wallenberg in Budapest, dated 8 December.
14. Koloman Lauer to Marcus Wallenberg 20 April, 1945. Marcus Wallenberg to Alexandra Kollontay 20 April, 1945. This letter was delivered to her by Staffan Söderblom of the Swedish Legation in Moscow on 28 April, 1945. Cf. Staffan Söderblom to E. von Post 30 April, 1945. [Utrikesdepartementet 1997.]
15. Olsson 2000, pp. 213-218.
16. Nina Lagergren to Marcus Wallenberg 21 March, 1982.
17. Cf. von Dardel 1984 and *Älskade farfar* 1987. The latter is also published in an enlarged American edition, *Letters and Dispatches* 1995. An attempt to analyse these letters has been made by Lindqvist 1996. The Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs has published a vast collection of documents concerning Raoul Wallenberg on three CD-ROMs: Utrikesdepartementet 1997.

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Raoul Wallenberg is probably the best-known member of the Swedish family of financiers, the Wallenbergs.

However, due to his uncertain fate, there are still many questions regarding his life and achievements that are waiting for an answer. By presenting documents from the historical records of Stockholms Enskilda Bank and its managers, this volume attempts to contribute to the material that has been published earlier in the form of letters and dispatches concerning Raoul Wallenberg.

A new image of the relations between Raoul Wallenberg and his relatives within the Stockholms Enskilda Bank appears from these over fifty, scattered documents from the period 1927-1947 (1982).

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