



EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Habana, Cuba, August 28, 1940.

Dear Friend:

I am still unable to make any plans about leaving here, although the matters on which I am working seem to be developing more favorably. I am glad that I did not leave on August 19 as I had planned, as I think my staying here may have been of some use. If I do leave here for home I will let you know my plans.

After, through my unofficial good offices, I had been able to get Mr. Loewe and his family out of the immigration camp and they were comfortably settled at the Hotel Nacional, there were developments over which I had no control which, I understand, resulted in him being ordered back to the camp yesterday afternoon with his family. A high official of the Cuban Government, whom I had interested in the matter, was able to see that they were sent to a sort of clinic here instead of to the immigration camp, as they would be more comfortable there and I am told that the camp is really most uncomfortable and impossible. These difficulties which Mr. Loewe is experiencing are not due to any situation which he has caused, but he merely suffers as a result of the improper activities of a lot of people. Certain persons have secured visas for Cuba and for other countries through the payment of money to venal consular officers abroad of certain governments. When they arrive at their destination they find that these visas are not valid, and the government of the country has great difficulty in knowing what to do. Many of these people pass through Cuba and it is found here that they cannot proceed further. The result is that there is a considerable number of people in Cuba who were admitted for a temporary period until they would proceed to their destination, and then it was found after they had been admitted here that they could not proceed. A good number of these people are destitute and this raises a difficult problem for the Cuban Government. The Government here, therefore, has become very strict about persons entering Cuba in transit, and when this ship arrived here the other day on which Mr. and Mrs. Loewe and daughter were, most of the passengers were

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sent to the immigration station until their papers could be examined. The Cuban officials in their fear of making errors have been over zealous, and Mr. Loewe, whose papers are entirely in order I understand, has suffered from this situation. I am sure that everything will be all right before this letter reaches you.

I saw the President late yesterday afternoon who has been taking a good deal of interest in this immigration problem and who has given the strict orders which are responsible for some of these difficulties. He meant his orders very well, but did not realize that he was making difficulties for innocent and proper people as well. I spoke to him about Mr. Loewe and his family, and I am sure the necessary arrangements are being made today so that he and his family can return to the Hotel Nacional.

As I told you, I am not supposed to take any official cognizance of this matter, as Mr. Loewe is not an American citizen and these matters are entirely within the province of the Cuban Government, but I have been very glad to be unofficially of any assistance to him. In view of your interest I wanted you to have this reassuring word.

With all good wishes to you and your family,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Garcia', written over the typed name 'Garcia'.