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Pan Frant. Muska
254 Russel Hill Rd.

Toronto, Ont.

Mily pane Musko:-

Jest mi lito, ze musim odejeti do Jizni Ameriky aniz bychom se spolu setkali. Jest mnoho veci o kterych bychom si meli rici. Informoval jsem si. Bozenku o vsem a ona Vam moje vzkazy preda.

Dela mi velkou starost, ze doposud neni vyrizena ta nase neprijemna zalezitost. Udelal jsem vse co jsem za danych pomeru udelati mohl a doufam, ze se Vam podari tuto zalezitost priznive ukonciti. Jest to melke nepochopeni a nespravedlnost vuci nam.

Konevadz budu daleko od Vas a nedudeme se videti mozna po cely rok, cnci Vam rici nasledujici dulezita slova. Mam v dobre pameti nase rozmluvy a plany, ktere jsem meli spolu za Vaseno pobytu v Us. loni v lednu a unoru. Rad jsem videl Vasicinnost v Csl. modboji a tesilo me, ze jste usmernoval nase lidi v tom ohledu venku. oni jste poznali, ze stojim za Vami. Souhlasil jsem a souhlasim s organisovanim nasi financni pomoci pro Csl. vec. Nemohu jednat verejne jako Vy, ackoliv by to nejlepe odpovidalo memu citeni a vkusu. Casto Vam zavidim Vasi primocarnost. Nemohl jsem se odhodlati k otevrene akci, mysleje na osud svých verných spolupracovníků tam na druhé strane. Snad jest to i chybou, ze takto jednam - slysim takove posudky z nekterých stran - ale ja nemohu jinak - jest to prikaz me vernosti ke svým lidem. Mozna ze za to budu trpeti, ale neda se nic delat, doufam ze Vy a vsichni co me znaji mi rozumite. Jest to nase vernost za vernost. Tak to vzycky u nas byvalo.

Souhlasim se vsim co jste doposud pro Csl. vec vykonal a co jeste vykonate at jest to v jakem koliv smeru a pral bych si aby nase pomoc byla co nejucinnejsi. Preji si velmi vzkriseni nasi Csl. vlasti a stejne vroucim jest me prani pro viteztvi Anglie, a spojencu. Jsem a budu v tomto ohledu take cinnym, ovsem svým způsobem.

Preji Vam mnoho zdaru ve Vasi práci v US. a
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s pozdravem Vam a Vasi rodine:

Jan Masaryk

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New York, January 24, 1941

Mr. Frank Muska
254 Russell Hill Road
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Dear Mr. Muska:

I am sorry that I have to leave for South America with out having met you. There are many matters which we should discuss. I informed Miss Bosenka about everything and she will convey to you my messages.

I am much concerned about it since so far our disagreeable matter has not been settled. I did all that was possible to do under present circumstances and I hope that you will be able to finish this matter favorably. It is quite a misunderstanding of and an injustice towards us.

Since I will be very far from you and we will not see each other perhaps for a full year, I will tell you the following important things. I recall quite well our discussions and plans which we had together at the time of your presence in the United States last year in January and February. I have seen with satisfaction your activity in the Czech resistance and I was glad that you put in line our people in this respect - they have certainly recognized that I am standing behind you. I was and am agreeable with your organizing our financial assistance for the Czechoslovak matter. I cannot act publically like you, although it would correspond best to my feeling and taste. Often I envy you being so straight forward. I couldn't decide to an open action because I thought of the destiny of our faithful co-workers over there. It may be that it is a mistake that I am acting in this way - I hear such judgments from many sides - but I cannot do otherwise - it is a command of my faithfulness to my people. It may be that I will suffer for it, but nothing can be done. I hope that you and all who know me understand me. It is this, our faithfulness for "faithfulness." So it has always been with us.

I am agreeable to all that you have done for the Czecho Slovak matter so far and what you still will do in whichever direction it will go, and I only wish that our help should be the most efficient. The reconstruction of our Czechoslovakian home is my foremost wish and I will be active in this respect in my fashion.

I wish you much success in your work in the U.S. and remain.

With regards to you and your family,

/signed/ Jan A. Bata