

Dear Gunnar,

12/0/90

This may perhaps reach you before my letter of 11/28, in response to yours of six days earlier. Because of its weight and the cost of airmail, I sent it by surface mail. In it I said that because there seemed to be nothing confidential in your letter I would send copies to friends I knew would be interested, particularly college professors. I also sent one to a dear friend of my youth, now a retired lawyer. He was an investigator for the U.S. Senate Committee on Civil Liberties when I was an investigator and its editor. His name is Sol Rabkin and he lives at 75 Henry Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 2 11201.

Sol and I have something else in common, illegible handwriting. His however, has the merit of being uniform so I can make out just about all he wrote on receiving your letter, which interested him very much.

He asked me to ask you if you might be able to help him locate an old friend who, as of his last knowledge, lived in Uppsala. Of course it is possible this friend may no longer be there. His name is Jacobs and he was the former chief rabbi of Denmark. He was able to escape to Sweden. During the war against fascism he was in the Philippines, I do not know the years. He then wrote a book indicating how a more prolific rice crop could be grown. At the war's end he went to work for the Food and Agriculture <sup>Organization</sup> Administration of the UN. When he retired from that he taught at the University of Uppsala.

If you do locate Mr. Jacobs (and it you do not, if you have any knowledge of it) I have a special interest in the rescue of Denmark's Jews. We had a friend, the late Olaf Seidenfaden, who told me that his uncle was then the chief of police of Copenhagen and that his uncle organized the roundup and escape of Denmark's Jews.

Olaf died some years ago. His family was involved in business in Thailand that involved lumber and perhaps furniture. He was part Thai. When we knew him his business was exporting logs from the U.S. Before Pearl Harbor, when the U.S. was at peace, more or less, Olaf went to Canada and volunteered. He progressed to the rank of colonel, I think it is air force.

Sol and his wife last saw Mrs. Jacobs and their daughter in England when FAO had Mr. Jacobs assigned to its home office.

It is inherent in Sol's letter that if you locate the Jacobses he would like to hear from them.

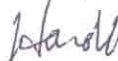
I hope that a phone call to the university might yield some information.

And thanks for the trouble.

I hope also that my last letter is of some use to you.

And that you have a fine holiday season!

Best wishes,



Harold Weisberg