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July 19, 1965.

Richard F. Smith, Refugee and Resettlement,
American Friends Service Committee,
160 North Fifteenth Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Friend:--

Another refugee family of four have made good financially with our committee. Rudy and Krimhilde Hinsbeeck have made their final payment on the money that our Newberg Monthly Meeting Refugee Committee loaned to them while they were seeking to get employment adequate for their needs. It was a good "investment" for us. They are on their way to becoming full citizens of the United States, and both have good jobs with the Tektronix company, and folks are considered fortunate who are in the employ of that wonderful corporation.

Things are not so satisfactory with Edo Van Bueren. He and his girl friend left July 4 for Holland, where they expect to be married after the month's residence there which the law requires. This means that Edo has made no payment on his indebtedness to the committee, and does not expect to make any for some time. The pair expect to be back about the last of August, and to resume the jobs that they have had for some time. They have a house three or four miles out of Newberg where they expect to live, driving the 20 miles and more into Portland each day to their jobs.

With the completion of the Hinsbeeck project, though we shall retain our interest in them, a sort of parental feeling, our committee will be considering help for some other of the many thousands, perhaps millions, who need the kind of help that we can give. I am not clear as yet as to just what the situation is so far as the American Friends Service Committee is concerned, with regard to the needs of refugees in Europe, Asia and Africa. Are you still placing refugees from those continents, or is your attention now limited to Cuban refugees? I get plenty of information in regard to these folks who have fled from the land of Castro, but so far as information is concerned regarding refugees in other lands than the United States, one might suppose that there are no concentration camps, no needy refugees anywhere but in Florida.

If the AFSC is still handling cases of refugees from across the Atlantic, we'd like to know it; if the AFSC is not in that work any more, we'd like to know if Church World Service or some other Protestant agency is doing such work still, and if so, where to write for information.

Sincerely your friend,

Levi T. Pennington.