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Dear Miss Greenhow,

This morning I duly received your kind letter of 17th ulto. and we were all very pleased to have further news from your part. However we feel very sad to learn that your dear Mother is in a very poor state. I think also the loss of her son caused to her very much sorrow indeed.

In reply to your question I regret very much having to inform you that the last news I received about my family in Holland was dated May 1943 and since that time nothing was heard anymore. You can imagine what this all means to us and I do not think, owing to news received recently about the general situation in Holland, that the prospects are very bright. However we still hope for the best but we can hardly believe that we ever will see back one of all our dears, left at home.

As regards my personal state there is some news to report viz. that I still do not get accustomed to the climate of this country. In abt. a fortnight it is now one year that we arrived in Surinam, but owing to all the troubles we went through and the bad climate, the doctors here are of the opinion that it is far better to leave this country, so it is practically certain that I will leave Surinam for England within a very short time. As regards my wife and the 2 boys, who are actually at school here, there seems to be some difficulties to enter into the United Kingdom but for me personal everything is already arranged, so without knowing an exact date, I hope to see you personally within the next few months. I regret very much that I could not take my wife and my children with me, but as the British Government did not refuse the request, there is still a possibility that they might enter as well. My wife likes to join the Netherlands Ladies Corps, which just recently was established in London, and which has the purpose to go to Holland the very moment the Boche will be kicked out and to help and assist there as much as possible all the people, who suffered over there. - Perhaps this will also assist her receiving an enter - permit and to this purpose perhaps you could get into touch with a certain Mr. S. Noach, 50 Lancaster Gate, London W.2, who actually occupies himself with this matter. Perhaps you know some people who could assist to this matter. Mr. Noach is an employe of the Netherland Home Ministry in London. You can imagine how I could appreciate being in a position to keep together, especially after everything we went through up to now.

I think the actual position in the world is indeed changing for the best and we all here sincerely hope that 1944 might bring us the things we are longing for.

For this time I will stop this letter, but not before wishing you and your dear Mother, ~~the~~ a merry Christmas and a most prosperous 1944.

Yours very sincerely

*A. H. Veder*