

Question	Answer
Your Name	Jude (Judith) Stratton
Your Email Address	jude@oxscisoft.com
Name of Writer	Debroah (Dora) and Hugo Deutsch
Date of Letter	End of Feb / beginning of March 1939
Age of Writer	38 and 34
Address where letter was written from	Volkerstrasse 13/7 Wien 2
Circumstance surrounding the letter	They had put their daughter Ruth (13) on Kindertransport England on 20th December. The plan had been that her father (Alfred) would meet her off the train in London. But he did not get on the train so she went with the other children to Dover Court and was taken to Bath where she was fostered with a Baptist family in Keynsham. Ruth was then asked to find a family who would take her brother Kurt (who would offer to take him in). Hugo and Dora answered many adverts for domestic posts in England, with Dora applying for papers to leave. This letter is written when they were about to leave they would be leaving and would have to leave behind Dora and also Hugo's mother)
Fate of writer	Hugo, Dora (Deborah) and Kurt all left Vienna at the end of 1939 - Ruth had found a family who would sponsor her brother Kurt. Dora and Hugo had found jobs as cook and gardener at a house near Winchester.
How did you get the letter?	Ruth was my mother. Throughout the rest of her life she kept most of the letters that were sent to her during her first months in England. These were found in the attic by my father 10 years ago - it is only in the last few years that I have been able to get them translated.
Your relationship to the writer	They were my grandparents - my mother's parents
Are you available to speak about the letter with a project historian? Include contact information	Yes - +441865763141 (landline) +447962426224 (mobile)
Should any of the above information remain confidential?	No
Is a family member available to read the letter on October 16th or 18? if yes, who? Contact information (Unfortunately, we cannot	Yes I will be in Vienna from 15th - 20th October

pay transportation costs to come to Vienna)

Specific releases regarding copies of the letters, please check and sign below.	Reading at the closing Reading at the "Read-a-thon" Publishing name of writer on web site Exhibition of copies of letters (TBC) Publication of letters on project web site
Signature	Jude Stratton
Upload letter 1	HD R=1939-03-02 (letter 43).docx
Upload letter translation	translation of HD R=1939-03-02(letter 43).docx

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Hugo, Dora (Deborah) and Kurt all left Vienna at the end of May 1939 - Ruth had found a family who would sponsor her brother (Kurt) and Dora and Hugo had found jobs as cook and gardener at a prep school near Winchester.

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