III A. Wiedemann
letters
Wiedemann -
Kate's interment
1946
Lieber Kollegen,

gute freu Frau,


Herzlichst mit Handkuss

Sekt der 

Ferd Wiedemann

Nov. 6, 1940
233 Post St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Persönlich.

Liebe Frau Hoerlin:—


Da unser Freund ja nun bald das Land verlässt, wollte ich Ihnen schreiben und Ihnen anheimstellen, sich in aehnlichen künftigen vertrauensvoll an mich zu wenden. Ich will dann gerne versuchen zu helfen, indem ich meine eigenen Beziehungen anspanne.

Ich möchte noch erwähnen, dass ich als "Custodian" des dem Reichs gehörenden Konsulatsgebäudes eingesetzt bin. Ich war ja bisher Generalvertreter der Hapag – Lloyd an diesem Platze.
Ich bin Amerikaner.

Mit besten Grüßen auch an Ihren Gatten

Ihr,

[Unterschrift]

Siegfried Dr. J. B.
A 1946 account in the Sir William Wiseman archives, Yale University

On February 20th last, Mrs. Hoerlin telephoned me at my apartment from Binghamton, New York.

I had never heard of her and she introduced herself as a friend of Captain Wiedemann, and said she would like to see me on his behalf, and would be in New York in the early days of March. I made a non-committal reply, and the next day sought advice.

Acting on this advice, I called Mrs. Hoerlin and she came to see me at my apartment on March 2nd. She told me the same story this is repeated in her deposition, which I enclose.

She further stated that last fall she read in the newspapers that Wiedemann was in Washington, en route to Nuremberg, and she telephoned the office of the Chief Counsel (Jackson) for Prosecution of Axis Criminals, Pentagon Building, Washington, and informed them that she had letters from Wiedemann which she thought would be interesting to them. At first they asked her to send them and when she insisted on bringing them personally, she was told to come to Washington. After some difficulty, she saw a Colonel Brix or Ricks (she is not sure of the name). Since the Colonel could not read German, he was not much interested at first, until she insisted that he have the letters translated while she waited. On reading the translation, the Colonel was very much interested and told her that she had done a very useful service, not only to her brined, Captain Wiedemann, but to her country, and asked if she wished to send a note to Wiedemann. She wrote a short personal note, merely stating that she and her family were well and thinking of him, and the Colonel promised to have it delivered at once.

The letters she referred to, of which the U.S. authorities now have copies, were written to her while Wiedemann was Consul General in San Francisco, and she states that these letters showed clearly that he was entirely out of sympathy with Hitler and the Nazi Party, and anxious to contact the Allied authorities for the purpose of arranging some plan by which the Nazi Party and its leaders could be eliminated. She offers to send me these letters if we are interested.

She heard nothing more until about three weeks ago, when she received through the ordinary mail a post-card from Wiedemann in Nuremberg. She is to send me this post-card from Binghamton, and I will send it along as soon as received. Apparently, the post-card was to the effect that he was well but worried, although he felt that he had a very clear case which could be substantiated by Sir William Wiseman.