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Concerning a Letter Received from a German Woman Desiring to Find a Home in America by Marrying an American

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Governor J. Strom Thurmond said today he had received a letter from a German widow asking his help in publicizing her willingness to marry an American man in order to find a home in this country for herself and her 10-year-old daughter.

The German housewife, Mrs. Marta Eisenberg, 38, of Bad Kissingen, Germany, wrote that she had been forced to wander "from town to town" trying to find "an honorable way to live."

The letter said:

"Sir Governor:

Excuse me, but I don't know another way as to write to you. Maybe you would like to help me. I am living with my 10 year old daughter and I want to go to America with her. Maybe some men in America would like to marry a German woman. I am 38 years old, blue eyes, auburn hair 178 cm. tall (178 centimeters—5 feet, 10 in.). My father was physician, he is dead, my husband was a lawyer, he died. Can you understand that it is for me very difficult to find an honorable way to live. Please understand me right, I have lost all, my daughter is all that I have, and don't be disgusted because I try this way. Wouldn't you do all for your only child you have? She doesn't know what it is to have a home or a father since 8 years. I am wandering from town to town, from room to room, in order to find a good occasion to live with her together. So, I would be very grateful if you could do me this favor to help me. Thanking you and trusting you in advance.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Marta Eisenberg
Bad Kissingen
3 Rosenstr. Germany"

Governor Thurmond said he did not wish to discourage the German woman, but that according to his information there are already more women than men in the United States. American womanhood, therefore, may feel that the marital "market" should remain undisturbed by inroads from abroad.