

Vienna, Jan. 5, 1940.

Dear Dr Aydelotte:

I am greatly obliged to you for the request, which you have addressed on my behalf to the German Chargé d' Affaires in Washington. It is probably on this account, that I was ultimately granted leave by the German authorities. In view of Prof. Veblen's letter of Dec. 1 I am hoping now, that it will make no difficulty to obtain the American visa and that I shall be able to leave Vienna in a few days. So the only complication which remains is, that I shall have to take the route through Russia and Japan. The German certificate of leave makes explicitly this requirement and in addition I am told in all Steamship-bureaux, that the danger for German citizens to be arrested by the English is very great on the Atlantic.

I regret very much, that the trip over Japan

will create further delay and will make it impossible  
to arrive before the middle of February, but it seems  
to be the only possibility.

Thanking you very much again for the trouble which  
you have taken, to make my coming possible

I am faithfully yours

Kurt Gödel