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Dear son,

Welcome to your new country. I hope everything you wish for yourself will come true in this new place.

Today I'm going to attach a letter to this letter that was sent by airmail to Wellington and I do that because of safety reasons. I only want to write you about two things.

1. First of all, you probably know my dear friend Dr. Sebestyen Karoly. He is an ex-highschool teacher and then he became the director of the Academy of Dramatic Arts [now the University of Theatre and Film Arts]. Sebestyen has been married twice. His second wife was a widow when he married her. This lady has a son from her first marriage, and he is a doctor and he lives in Australia in Newcastle. It could be like an outer suburb of S[ydney]. I've heard that he is a very good doctor and I had a thought. It could happen that you catch something and you need a doctor and it would be very good for us if we know that you are in good hands and it would be great if you could go to this doctor. Therefore I went to Sebestyen and I asked him to write a recommendation letter for you, to go to his stepson. Sebestyen, who is not a very nice person and very sad and just depressed, has known me for a long time and he was happy to do this for me. The attached recommendation letter is from him and it was nice to see a few letters that he also wrote to me in which it seemed like we are good friends. Because of this I really would like to ask you to get in touch with this doctor as soon as you can. I think it would be good for you too because I've heard that it's not only the doctor who is very nice but his wife as well who is very kind, and she is from England. Please let us know how you go and how the introduction goes.

2. I've got some writings from Dr. Apor. You said that there will be no money involved in the thing but Dr. Apor still wants to charge something. I said that I will send you the writings, so once you get the writings please write to him or instruct me what to do.

Lots of kisses my son

Dad