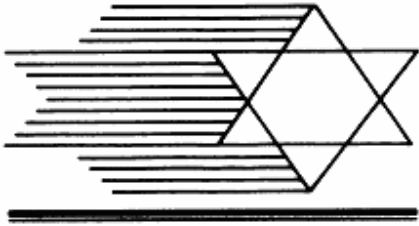


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Esther Toporek Finder, President

January 24, 2007

His Excellency Klaus Scharioth  
Ambassador to the United States  
German Embassy  
4645 Reservoir Road, NW  
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

I would respectfully request that you and your Government take the necessary steps to release the archival holdings of the International Tracing Service located at Bad Arolsen, Germany. As the daughter of Holocaust survivors I feel it is the humanitarian and moral thing to do to allow our families access to these records in the United States. It is also important for scholars who wish to review official documents. Ideally the scholars could study the documents while there are still survivors for them to interview.

Time is short for our parents to have the opportunity to see these documents. My father is 83 and he would very much like to learn what happened to his relatives and friends. It is already too late for my mother and my best hope for learning more about her experiences is through the documents.

Please ratify this and urge immediate ratification by all the other countries.

Respectfully,

Esther Toporek Finder  
President of *The Generation After* in Washington, DC and  
Member of the Coordinating Council of *Generations of the Shoah International (GSI)*