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Dear Mrs. Astell,

Mrs. Hermer has me anew prayed to write you this letter and to say you that she has now received three boxes of food and clothes. The first box reached her before four weeks. At this time I could not write you, because I was going to Paris where I have spent three weeks of very nice holidays. When I was coming home from there Mrs. Hermer just received two boxes: the one of food, the other with clothes for Yvette and Marie-Reine. These clothes are just ~~was~~ right for the two children. The boxes have not been opened and all things have found the way to Pfaffst. Very thanks for it.

In the meantime I always have received your lovely letter; it reached me on the same day Mrs. Hermer also received a letter from you. In this letter you say that my first letter reached you after three months. I can't understand why this could be so. I am so lucky when you can find me a correspondent from the university of Moscow (when possible a young

man) and also a family who can send me a little box of food from time to time. Since we can't pay in money, I will send her souvenirs from Alsace and.

In your letter you say Mrs. Kemmer can continue to write english because her english is good. Mrs. Kemmer ^{don't} write english; I have written the letter. She ~~also~~ ^{only} can write german. But I can write you; it is for me a great pleasure and an excellent exercise.

Paris where I have spent three weeks of my holidays is a very nice and instructive but much expensive town. There are very things to see but during three weeks we have not time to see all things and not enough money. It also was very hot (39 degrees in the sun).

This summer is very, very hot and it was not raining during a long time. We have no grass this year: the meadows are yellow and brown. We have a few vegetables and potatoes and no fruits. What will we do during this winter? Our bread which is made with indian corn is very bad and cost 28 frs ^{the kilo} (last week the kilo bread cost 12 frs again). Also an augmentation of 16 frs in a week! What will you become?

Hoping you will write me soon.

With love Martha Lutterbacher

And very - very thanks for the three boxes of Mrs. Kemmer