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**Subject :** The English letter again, just in case  
**Date :** Thu, 13 Nov 2003 19:00:17 +0100

I am so sorry for this flood of e-mails but I am sending this again just in case the server of the university messes it up again. It would not be fair to keep you waiting any longer!

Love,

Niti

-----Original Message-----

From: Berner Margit  
To: A.vondenBenken@Student.Unimaas.NL  
Sent: 13.11.03 15:04  
Subject: Letter for Mr. Kornbluth

Dear Mr. Kornbluth,

we tried to translate our letter into English:

We would like to inform you about what we have found out until now and we apologize for what we have to tell you:

As you probably know, people who were without citizenship (stateless) or with polish citizenship were imprisoned immediately after the beginning of World War II.

Because the prisons were overcrowded, nearly 1050 men were brought to the Viennese Stadium, where they had to stay for three weeks. We still do not know the organizational background of the examination, because many files had been destroyed. However, we can tell you, what we found out until now.

The anthropological examination of 440 men was carried out by an anthropological commission, leaded by Josef Wastl, the head of the anthropological department of the Natural History Museum in Vienna.

It took place in the Viennese Stadium from Monday, the 25th to Saturday, the 30th of September 1939. Immediately afterwards the prisoners were brought to a train station (Westbahnhof) and then they were deported to the Concentration Camp Buchenwald. We know, that 16 men were released in February 1940, however, most of them were killed within the first few months. Only 26 out of the 440 were liberated in 1945.

Among the collection of this anthropological examination, we found two photographs from your Grandfather. (Most of the 440 men were photographed, besides that the commission made plaster-masks from 19 men.) Besides that we found a data sheet with numbers of the body measurements. We have sent to you a copy of the photographs and the data-sheet.

On this sheet also information about personal data of your Grandfather and his parents was written down, which was demanded from him during the anthropological examination in September 1939: It says that David Weinstock was born on the 21st of March 1875 in Kutu, and had four siblings (most likely sisters). He married in 1922 and was father of five children. He came to Vienna in 1914, his profession is listed as "Kommissar". His fathers name was Gerson Weinstock, he was born 1854 in Berdyczow, his mothers name was Stein Metal, she was born 1856 in Kutu.

From our research we learned that after his imprisonment in the Viennese Stadion your Grandfather was brought to the Concentration Camp Buchenwald on the 30th of September 1939 and he died only a few days later, on the 16th of October 1939. We attached the documents from the Archive in Buchenwald in our letter.

We also enclose a booklet about Anthropology in Vienna before 1939, unfortunately this is only in German.

Already in 1999 for the first time the Austrian racial investigation was presented to the public at the Memorial Centre of the former Concentration Camp Buchenwald. In this exhibition your Grandfather was mentioned as one of the 440 measured persons, and, furthermore, the photographs were shown. Until this time even the scientific community was not aware of this examination. We attached you a photocopy of the catalogue of this exhibition.

We want to inform you further, that on the 22 April 2004 the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) will open an exhibition focusing on Racial Science during the Nazi Period where the anthropological examinations of the Museum of Natural History in Vienna will be an important part of the exhibition.

One of the results of our project will be a book where we describe all the racial projects of the Museum from 1938-1945 but we also intend to enclose a memorial book focusing on the biographies of the 440 measured persons and their families. It is our aim to provide information of these projects both to scientists but also to the public and especially to the descendents of the measured men in the Stadion.

We would like to tell you how much we appreciate having this opportunity to contact you because it is an extraordinary experience for us which we did not expect when we began with our research. We are very much interested in continuing our correspondence.

Whatever you are interested in or we can do for you and please let us know. We would be more than happy with any help or any further information.

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