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Respectfully - Mr. Brian Lamb!

Thanks for C-SPAN, you + your staff - my only
Morning + in between TV-Channel!

Happy Thanksgiving!

I have heard your Announcement to Immigrants in
America - to call in the Friday after Thanksgiving:
Why + When we immigrated to America!

I am not fast enough to talk on the Telephone and
probably be too excited + it would be too expensive
such a Long Distance Phone Call!

But I count my Blessings every day to live in America -
I was invited with a sponsorship to come "legal" in 1958
and lived a normal prosperous life - never had too
much, but always had enough!

I was born in WEIMAR, Thuringen, Germany (the former
D.D.R.), lived there till I left in 1947 to West Germany!

When Hitler came to Power in 1933 I was 10 Yrs.,
my Father as a "Leather Technician" was already unem-
ployed + he knew that Hitler + Colleagues were not to
trust, he did not join the N.S.D.A.P. + we suffered 7 Yrs.
Unemployment + the II. W. War!

On 12. April 1945 the American Troops liberated
WEIMAR + 'Büchenwald' - it was a beautiful Spring
Morning 7 o'clock! Unforgettable! It was glorious till
the End of June 1945! On 1. July the American Troops
left, which was a dark day in our Lives, because the Soviet
Troops rolled in - Communism began to Rule!

On 4. Sept. 1945 my Mother of 41 of age died suddenly
after a delayed surgery in a makeshift Hospital, because
the Doctor had committed suicide - the Russians had
taken over Hospital for their own Use!

2) Our Father was not yet Home from British War Prison!

From a befriended Family in West Germany - I received an invitation + planned on my escape across the East-West Border! First I had to cancel my job as a shorthand and Typist (in secrecy!) which I had from 1939-46, then just walked across the Border - a story by itself!

In West Germany I was "illegal" 1947 - I had no right to find work, which led me to the American Employment Office + there I accepted "Domestic Work incl. caring for small children!"

With an Address in my Hand - I walked + prayed that I was liked for the job - - I had no idea: it became my destiny + Fortune - immigrating to America!

It also became God's Blessings to me for the Rest of my life! I learned to become a Dental Assistant! That was in May 1958!

It took one Year to get the Legal Immigration Visa!

Per Airplane Frankfurt-MAIN "None stop" across the Ocean to New York, U.S.A. - - in my Arm my Holy Possession was an 8 1/2 x 11 Package, which I was told to give to the Immigration Officer in New York!

Arrived in Marion, OHIO - I received per Mail from the Ohio State University 3 Books to study with an American Citizen to co-sign each Lesson paper - at the End I received a Diploma + was waiting for further Instruction!

In October 1963 - I received Notice to come to Cleveland, Ohio for an Examination "Question - Answer - session" - as a single Person there is a 5 year Waiting Time!

On Friday, 13. December 1963 - in Cleveland, Ohio - in a Court session with a Judge + a Group of 96 People many Nationalities - I became a Naturalized U.S. Citizen - a Tear popped out of my Eyes in Gratitude!

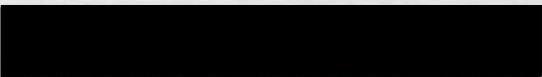
I remember as it was yesterday!

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3/ It is a Priviledge for me to live in this great Country -
to me every Shopping Day is Christmas - remembering.....
but most of all - I was Christened + Confirmed in
my Hometown to the Belief in God + his Son
Jesus Christis - to live the 10 Commandments
"Für Recht und wehe Niemand"!

I do hope that you will accept this as my
Telephone Call!

Sincerely,


Senior U.S. Citizen 1963