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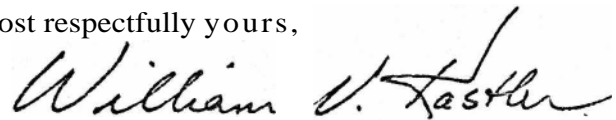
Dear Professor Kastler:

In the United States the Kastler family has been traced with some success and found to have descended from, Johann Kastler who, with his wife Susan Boden (or Bolen) Kastler, emigrated from either the Alsace-Lorraine area in France or from around Heidenheim, Germany in the mid 19th century. To date our attempts to establish a connection with any Kastlers in Western Europe have not produced any results. One time, I believe in 1967 or 1968, my late uncle Bernard corresponded with you briefly about our common heritage but at that time while you both agreed that it would be nice to explore the subject further sometime the matter was apparently dropped.

Your presence here in Century City where I have my offices was simply too rare an opportunity for me to pass up without at least making an attempt to contact you. We have over the years since you became internationally famous been referring to you as a distant relative since there are so few Kastlers who spell our name this way. It would be most rewarding, to our children and their progeny especially, if we could indeed establish a link with a common ancestor. By the way, your appearance here with such a number of dignified men for the advancement of Tel Aviv University is a fact of which our entire family is justly proud.

I know you must be quite preoccupied with the company you will be in, especially on Sunday, but if you could find 5 or 10 minutes during the day or possibly the next, I would deem it a great honor to meet you in person. My wife, daughter and I have an apartment just 15 minutes away. If your time does not permit such a visit I would still welcome a reply from you with the opportunity to share our respective family histories. In the United States the Kastler family has produced more than an average number of distinguished people, and I am hopefully looking forward to sending you a copy of our genealogy.

Most respectfully yours,



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