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Dear Dr. Lantin:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 2. In another letter, Dr. Margerison indicated to me that he had an opportunity to discuss with you your proposed emigration to the States. He may have indicated that I planned to come to England, as indeed I have, but my plans have changed so that I will not be in Europe until the fall.

Emigration is always a major step, but I have found life in St. Louis a most pleasant experience. It may be helpful for you to know that my parents emigrated to this country in 1925, when I was a child. I have lived most of my life in New York, and came here only two years ago. There was a period of adjustment for us, but I found much in this community which was friendly and pleasant.

There are a number of strong Jewish communities in St. Louis, and they reflect the differences in our faith. Jews have been integrated in this community for more than 100 years, and there are a wide range of parochial schools as well as community centers and synagogues catering to the needs of our faith. I would guess that there are at least 60,000 Jews in this city.

Community schools are excellent. While I gave consideration to sending my children to a private school, I found that the community schools had all the facilities, including foreign language education, special training in mathematics and science, and a good grounding in the social sciences, so I elected to send my three children to the community schools. My associates have done likewise with the exception of one, who desires his son to have a Hebrew education and is sending him to a Talmud Torah.

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I trust these comments answer some of your immediate questions,
and I look forward to seeing you in St. Louis.

Sincerely yours,

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