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Dear Ms. Hammond,

The following is in response to your request to Children's Home Society of California (CHS) for non-identifying background information. As some of the medical information in the record was difficult to decipher, we have attached a copy of the illegible document for your review. This letter and the attached document (identifying information deleted) include non-identifying background and medical information about you and your birth family contained in the record.

Your birth mother was 25 years of age at the time of your birth. She was born in "South-West Africa" or Germany and was of German descent. She was 5 feet, 5 inches tall and had dark hair, brown eyes, "rather heavy features," and a "rather stocky build." She completed the 8th grade and did "housework in families." She seemed gullible and easily deceived by others. She had no physical or mental defects. She never received a jail or prison sentence or charge and was never an inmate of any other institution. She had a "Syphilitic condition" ("positive four-plus" Wassermann test result) that was possibly contracted from your birth father. She previously received "Salvarsan," but this was discontinued as she developed a high fever and broke out in a rash. She also received seven or eight "treatments" in March 1932 and was to receive "eight more." In May 1932, she received "treatments" once a week and appeared to be "getting along nicely." She was never married and had no children before you were born.

The maternal family members were of German descent and of the Protestant faith. Your maternal grandfather was 59 years of age at the time of your birth. He was born in "South-West Africa." He completed college and was a minister of a German church. In 1932, documentation suggests he had been "unable to collect any of his salary for some time" and your birth mother contributed "some of her earnings" for his financial support. This relative's father and grandfather were born in "Southwest Africa" and were also ministers. Your maternal grandmother was about 53 years of age at the time of your birth. She was born in Germany. Her education was noted as "Teacher's Seminary Ger." and she was a housewife. Your maternal grandparents were described as a "high-type German family" and "have tried to give their children an education" was noted. Your birth mother had 2 brothers and 4 sisters. Her oldest brother was about 29 years of age at the time of your birth. He was born in "S. West Africa." He completed high school and worked at a cannery. Her oldest sister was about 24 years of age at the time of your birth. She was born in "S. West Africa." She completed teacher's college and her occupation was noted as "helps mother." Another sister was about 23 years of age at the time of your birth. She was born in "S. West Africa." She completed high school and her occupation was noted as "helps mother";

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“does housework sometimes for others” was also noted. Her other brother was about 21 years of age at the time of your birth. He was born in “S. West Africa.” He completed high school and was a sailor. Her other sister was about 19 years of age at the time of your birth. She was born in Illinois. She completed the 10th grade and was a saleswoman. Her youngest sister was about 13 years of age at the time of your birth. She was possibly born in North Dakota. She was a 6th grade student or completed the 6th grade and “Hi.” and “Schoolgirl” were noted. Your birth mother’s sisters were “refined looking.” The maternal family members had no mental or physical defects and were in “Good” health.

Your birth father was about 28 or 29 years of age at the time of your birth. He was born in California. Other documentation notes his place of birth was “Unknown.” He was “American,” of Irish and Swedish descent. He was tall and slender and had black hair, hazel eyes, and “Good features.” His education was “Unknown” and he appeared intelligent. He sold insurance and “connected with an automobile house” was noted. He had no physical or mental defects. The record does not indicate if he was married or previously married; if he was a soldier or sailor at any time; if he ever received a jail or prison sentence or charge; or if he was ever an inmate of any other institution. There is no information in the record regarding the paternal family.

Your birth parents met on a street car during a time when your birth mother was working and living away from her family residence. Your birth mother relocated (possibly returned to her family) and reported your birth father promised marriage; although he indicated he would visit her after she relocated, he “failed to do so” and his whereabouts became unknown to her. The record does not indicate whether she informed him when she discovered the pregnancy. She informed her parents, and they were upset and felt your birth father provided your birth mother with a fictitious name; this name was provided on your original birth certificate. Your birth mother considered her options and although difficult, decided adoption was the best plan. She was referred to CHS for adoption services about 4 months after your birth.

Documentation suggests your birth mother did not receive prenatal care. According to your original birth certificate, you were born on November 27, 1931 at “10 PM” at a hospital in Lodi, California. Other documentation notes you were born on November 26, 1931. The prophylactic for Ophthalmia Neonatorum, “Argyrol,” was used in your eyes following birth. A Wassermann test was administered; a “report” was taken from your cord and “four-plus” was noted. Other documentation notes you or your birth mother received Wassermann and vaginal smear tests and the results were “Question” and “Negative,” respectively. Documentation suggests you remained in the hospital for six months to determine if syphilis was present. You were examined by the pediatrician on January 5, 1932. You had a large abdomen and were overweight. Your teeth were “4/4.” Your head, eyes, ears, nose, tonsils, glands, heart, scalp, sight, hearing, adenoids, spine, extremities, genitals, temperature, “Resp.,” nervous system, mentality, posture, rectum, and pulse were normal. You had no abnormalities or discharge and your nutrition and general condition were “fair.” You were to be fed a “high protein diet” and given “skimmed milk, eggs, scraped