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October 15, 1925.

Mr. John Hulst,
Zeeland, Michigan.

Dear Sir:-

Several months ago I received a letter from my uncle, Henry Brinks, of Pease, Minn. who is now deceased, requesting my services in connection with the estate of one Pieter Tyler van der Hulst, deceased, of the Netherlands. My mother was also supposed to be one of the heirs to this estate, and for many years we had heard rumors about the matter. My Uncle enclosed a letter from yourself and Grace Hulst, and Alice Cook, all of Zeeland it seems. My father and brothers, Uncle Henry and Uncle John of Sioux Center, Iowa, all paid in a certain amount and I employed an attorney in the Netherlands, one B. De Jonge, a well known and competent lawyer, and a personal friend of mine in whom I had absolute confidence. At this time a new action was pending in the High Court of Justice of the Netherlands brought by some of the heirs against the trustees under the trust established by the last will of Pieter Tyler van der Hulst. This action was decided in February, 1925 but a copy of the decree was not available until a short time ago, when my correspondent attorney sent me a copy thereof.

Under the decision of the court the rights of the heirs are barred by reason of the long lapse of time; in other words the court holds that the case is barred by the statutes of limitation. The lawyer writes me that he advises us not to spend any further money on the matter, and I am advising you so you may not be tempted to spend any more money in reliance on some of the representations made by some parties in Michigan, or elsewhere.

I feel free to advise you upon a full investigation of the matter that whatever rights the heirs may have had in this estate have now been barred, and there is no use spending any money on this.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours very truly,

RBLG-NS

