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Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 9:19 PM
To: Jeffrey Epstein
Subject: Cost of moving to Cambridge

Dear Jeffrey,

we now have an estimate what it will cost to move. We are currently aiming for April 10th (the visa won't be ready before March 31st, possibly a little later). To set up a bank account in the US, I will need to have the visa approved. If you can indeed help with a check, it would make sense to split it in two (one for moving expenses in Germany, one for setting up in the US).

Lufthansa currently has a flight at 2380 Euro (\$3300) for all of us.
Getting a bunch of boxes to the US will cost about 4000 Euro (\$5500).
Moving and storage for the rest of our stuff in Berlin (first year) will be 6835 Euro (\$9475).

We need to pay some fees for visa, new insurances etc. which might come down to about \$1500.
Initial household items (like beds for the kids, small kitchen appliances, a bicycle etc.) for the US will be about \$3000.
Rent for the first seven weeks will probably be around \$7000 (we have not found a definite place yet).
For the place in June, we will have to provide a security deposit and extra month of rent: \$4200.

Thus, there will be a one-time cost of 13215 Euro (\$18240) for stuff in Berlin, and \$15700 for stuff in Cambridge (i.e. ~\$34000). No idea which taxes would come on top of that.

That is quite a lot to ask for; please let me know if it is possible to help us with such an amount!

We will have monthly recurring costs that look like this:

Rent: \$3200
Phone/Internet: \$170
Utilities: \$250

Health insurance: \$810
Pre-school: \$1700
Childcare: \$200

Public transportation: \$140
Car rentals: \$300
Groceries: \$1000
Clothing: \$300

Travel: \$600

Other expenses: \$500

= \$9170/month, or \$110000/year. (For the first year, it's more like 00K, if the first couple of months of rent is covered the setup-cost.)

On top of that are taxes. I do not know the applicable rate, but I my best guess is that it would be 30% income, 7.65% social security tax for foreigners, and a federal tax of 5.3%, i.e. 42.95%. (If the full tax rate applies to the \$110K, the required gross income would come to \$193K. OMG. Still "no problem"?) As far as I know, MIT will pay \$60K.

Mira won't be allowed to work in the US (she only gets an H4 dependent visa).

Without your support, there would never have been any chance for me to work in a place like this, even with a regular MIT salary. I am extremely grateful for this opportunity.

Cheers,

Joscha

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