



"... We are doing very well here, much better than so many others are, unfortunately, for whom one wants to do something and yet seldom can. Our reception in London was decidedly friendly, surprisingly not only from followers and old friends, learned societies, etc., but also from total strangers who wanted to express their joy that we are safe and in England ..."

Germany annexed Austria in March of 1938, beginning a wave of political arrests and antisemitic persecution in which the Gestapo searched Freud's apartment and held his wife Anna for a day of questioning. On 4 June 1938 Freud and his wife left Vienna for London (via Paris), arriving there two days later.