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Dear Jaromir

I was glad to hear from you, not so much about the various tragedies, I fortunately do not remember the people. I am sure I would recognize you of course if I should see you.

At the age of 43 you may have a hard time getting accustomed anywhere. I of course love the United States and the principles it stands for. I believe that you should go somewhere, where you can in the shortest period of time gain a suitable occupation. Sweden appears to be the most convenient country as I helped someone from Czechoslovakia get a job in surgery in Sweden, and he is satisfied.

In the United States to get specialized in orthopedics you would need 1-2 years of internship and 3 years of orthopedics in an approved residency program. You of course could practice general medicine after one year internship in a small town or village, and practice orthopedics as part of your general practice. Financially this would be most rewarding. In any case you would have to take a licensure examination. Outside your diploma of Doctor of Medicine, which would be recognized in some states, your specialty training in orthopedics of course is not formally recognized in the U.S.

If you should decide to come to the U.S., you should get now a "Certificate of examination for foreign medical graduates," which are given by various U.S. Embassies throughout the world. Please let me know if I could be of any further help to you.

Sincerely

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