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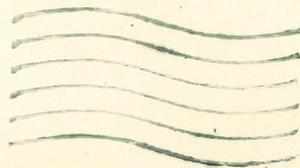


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October 6 '47

Dear Mrs Planch:-

Your letter written a little more than a month ago reached me only a day before our Ithaca paper told of your husband's serious illness and that he was in the Göttingen Hospital. And two days later the paper told us that the end had come. I am enclosing two clippings from the New York Times, one the announcement of your husband's death, the other an editorial commenting on his work and influence. The Times is generally regarded as the best American newspaper. The others that I have seen have better portraits than the one on this clipping, however. Most of the notices published in our paper point out that the Germany to which your husband belonged was a very different Germany from that of Hitler and the Nazis, and that we must all hope that that older Germany may come back again!

I think that I hardly need to tell you how deeply my wife and I sympathize with you. As I have said before, my feeling toward your husband is not merely the respect and admiration that one feels for a great man; nor is it merely the gratitude that one feels for

a great teacher. It has in it the affection that one has for a father, or a brother, or a very dear friend.

We hope that the strain of the long illness has not been too much for you and that this letter will find you in good health.

Very sincerely

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