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Dr. Ernst Simmel, 555 North Wilcox Avenue, Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Dr. Simmel:

When you asked my opinion on the publication of our anti-Semitism symposium, I told you that my contribution certainly should not be published. My reasons are two-fold. First, my experience teaches me that my talks, when taken down in shorthand, never can be published. No amount of editing can transform the talk into a paper. I must either talk a talk, or write a paper. Second, the thoughts which I tried to express in my talk at the symposium, are, in my own mind, too confused and too provisional to stand printers' ink. Therefore, I must ask you, most formally, not to print the transcript which you have sent me.

I am not prepared to write a paper on anti-Semitism. Therefore all that I can offer you is to write for your publication, a couple of paragraphs giving my reasons for not including my contribution in your publication.

I feel very sorry to disappoint you but I thought that I had made it quite clear to you that I cannot contribute to a publication on anti-Semitism.

Cordially yours,

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