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Dear Dr. Loewenberg:

I wish you would have put my name into the precious book you sent me because I can scarcely believe it that you really are giving it to me. I'll ask you to write my name into it on November 14th.

Many thanks also for your very nice letter. Isn't it something how we complement each other? After these pleasantries comes a piece of serious information that I have been told by Dr. Evans to give you. Dr. Evans told me that you had asked for Dr. Grotjahn to open the discussion. This I am sorry to say cannot be done for the following reasons.

About two years ago the Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Society split into two societies after longstanding conflicts among the members. These conflicts are concerned with far-reaching scientific differences and connected with it personal disagreements. If you are more interested I will be very glad to explain the specific issues to you when you are here. Right now I only want to say that the Study Group to which you are going to talk is part of the so-called Orthodox society. Into this orthodox society belong Dr. Evans, Dr. Brunswick, Dr. Lewy, Mrs. Deri, I, and quite a few others whom you may not know. Dr. Grotjahn however decided to join the other Society. Since there is no or very rare contact between the two Societies, members of the other Society are not invited to our meetings. This is a very brief and superficial explanation why Dr. Grotjahn cannot open the discussion.

We have been thinking to ask Professor Reichenbach, UCLA, to take over in place of Dr. Grotjahn. I imagine that you know him and that this will be agreeable to you. Or would you have another suggestion to make? I'll wait for your answer before calling

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Dr. Reichenbach. I am sorry to have to refuse  
your request but there is no other possibility.

How is Bakersfield voting? With my very  
best as usual,

Yours,

Hanna Fenichel

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