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Dr. Siegfried Bernfeld  
2825 Pierce Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Dr. Bernfeld:

I regret very much that you object to our plan for a memorial meeting for Fenichel. However, we feel that we owe such a meeting to quite a number of people here who were very devoted to Fenichel and do not belong to the close psychoanalytic circle. These are doctors, social workers and scientists in related fields.

In addition, as the Society which worked personally with Fenichel, we feel we should do a little more to express our sentiments than the other Societies are doing. I have already received a report from the East that the Societies there are having scientific meetings with eulogies in his honor.

Please change your mind and accept our request that you give a twenty-minute talk on Fenichel as a scientist. I don't know of anyone better equipped than you to do this.

Warm regards to you and your wife.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Ernst Simmel

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