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Dear Dr. Simmel,

since the society has chosen to honor Otto Fenichel's memory with a special meeting, I feel that I owe you an explanation why I can not come to Los Angeles this weekend. On Friday, in the late afternoon, I am scheduled to open a seminar at the children's hospital in Oakland - a seminar planned and prepared for some time by pediatricians whose new interest should not be blunted by a ^{"first night"} cancellation. Over the weekend I must finish a paper which Otto Fenichel read and, as one of its editors, proposed for the forthcoming volume of "The Psychoanalytic Study of the Child." I think that in doing these two jobs I not only serve the purposes ~~for~~^{to} which Otto Fenichel ~~lived~~ dedicated his life; I will also

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have ample ^{opportunity} ~~chance~~ to think of what he ^{used to say} ~~said~~
and to visualize again, how he ~~is~~ ^{was} said it.

Thus I will join you in the pleasurable
memory of a rich and generous teacher, and
I will share your sorrow.

Please give my love to ^{Hannah} ~~Mrs.~~ Ferichel.

Yours,
E. H. Erikson.