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Dear Major Reider:

My telegram was sent before I received your letter. I too still feel stunned by Fenichel's death and it is only gradually that I must brace myself to the realization of what an enormous new obligation falls upon me because of Fenichel's death.

This is not the first time this has happened to me in the course of the psychoanalytic movement. Since all my work for the last twenty-five years has been devoted only to psychoanalysis, it is clear to me that loyalty to psychoanalysis and to Fenichel makes it a duty to me not only to continue and to face all adversary movements, but also to call on Fenichel's younger friends and particularly his students to help to carry on this work.

I am very interested in the information you gave me, but not at all surprised since I know what is going on. So that you may feel easier, I want to tell you that there is a great rush of psychiatrists to Los Angeles for psychoanalytic training and also there are a number of psychoanalysts moving to Los Angeles among whom some are good Freudians and some I feel confident could be educated in this direction.

Therefore, please return to Los Angeles just because there are some personalities at work who operate behind the scenes. We must exert all our influence, qualitatively and quantitatively, to make Los Angeles the citadel of scientific psychoanalysis, free from opportunism and bias. Many things are in the offing, for instance, the medical world makes more and more demands on psychoanalysis. We still have authority and influence just by the sheer weight of our sincerity.

