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Dr. Richard Sterba
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Dear Dr. Sterba:

I'm awfully sorry not to have answered your letter before this but I am overloaded with so much work that the only way I can keep up with correspondence is to dictate and it was my intention to write to you myself, in German. Forgive me for writing in English.

Fenichel died suddenly of a hemorrhage, due to a congenital aneurysma of the circulus Willise. His sudden death was so unexplainable that an autopsy was done. Preceding his death he was stricken with 'flu and seemed to have completely recovered. During his illness he was at the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital where, as you know, he was interning at the time.

He had just come home for a short vacation after his illness. That same evening I went over to his house to welcome him home and was met by Hanna Fenichel and Frau Deri who told me that he died just ten minutes before.

This is the sad story. What his loss means I need not tell you.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Chicago.

Best regards to Mrs. Sterba and to you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ernst Simmel

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