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Dear Stan :

Your letter of June 11 was less a surprise for us than a disappointment. Both Toni and myself would have enjoyed to see you again, and now we learn that you skipped the European trip altogethe

On the other hand we fully understand that you are hurrying to leave hot Nigeria before the troubles are growing worse.

What surprised us more than your sudden departure, was your original intention to stay there for two years. It is interesting to observe the entirely different habits of keeping an academic job in Amerika and Europe. As you know, I was full professor and director of the institute of theoretical physics from 1921 - 1938 and from 1945 - 1958 without thinking to change my post,had it not been for the interference by the Nazi. Of course I undertook many journeys abroad for guest-lectures,but my regular courses at home were never interrupted for a long period. The same system is repeated now by my son Walter who is in the same job since 1959. He gave quite a number of guest-courses overseas and will be in Argentine for a month in September. But his professorship will not be interrupted - except of course,when a Nazi-rule should be established again,which I do not think to be probable at all. By the way, Walter has been elected member of the Austrian Academy of Sciences so that both Thirrings are represented there-

Hearty congratulations to Penny's marriage. We received her announcement and shall write her, so that she might receive the letter on her arrival back from Europe.

We are glad to learn that Vicki will spend a term in Salzburg and we are hopingthat there will be an opportunity of seeing her during this time.

You may have heard perhaps, that Hilde Flint has died from a heart-attack about a month ago. The hotel Atlanta will go into the hands of her sister who came back from Los Angeles.

The manuscript of our book is in the hand of Dr Baez at Paris. I'm still convinced, that it will find its place as a school-manual.

With hearty greetings from Toni and myself

Yours