

## HOTEL-PENSION ATLANTA

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Dear Hans,

Again I want to thank you for meeting me and bringing me to the Atlanta, and thanks to you and Toni for the delightful dinner at your home on Saturday. We believe that we are about settled. Took Vicki to the school to meet Dr. Meissl today, and Vicki will begin school on Monday. Our trunk came from the storage house where it has been since we left the ship in Italy. Aileen and I have been to Amerika Haus, the Austro-American Inst. (we met Dr. Richter) and to the Austro-American Society and to the American Embassy and the Consulate, so I hope we have most of our personal and domestic activities taken care of.

Here is what I thought we might use for an application to the Guggenheim Foundation et al:

Prof. Dr. Hans Thirring, emeritus Professor of the University of Vienna and Dr. Stanley L. Combs, Professor of Education, University of Redlands, California are collaborating in Vienna this year in writing a book to aid secondary school youth in developing the art of living with their fellow men in an international world.

We two are deeply concerned about the intolerance and fanaticism displayed in our international societies. The greater portion of our natural resources and our wealth are continually being funneled into the support of ways by which man may be annihilated. Individuals and groups of nations continue to distort their chauvinistic values until eventually these same beliefs and values become so distorted that the opposite view is held.

There is strong evidence that new ways to help mankind understand mankind are imperative. Adolescents in secondary schools throughout the world are the ones who will most quickly and easily assimilate and adopt new concepts and ideas. These youth are the ones who maintain high ideals which need fostering into a real wisdom of how to deal with their fellowmen. It is our purpose ~~to write a text~~ to produce a text which we believe will help youth in junior and senior high schools understand other people better so that future generations of men may be less emotional and more cortical when dealing with the problems which will always beset peoples throughout the world.

In order to carry out this project with ~~this~~ Prof. Thirring (who has already written Die Kunst Des Menschlichen Zusammenlebens), it is necessary for Prof. Combs to work in Vienna. We feel that your organization would be vitally interested in an activity of this sort and would be ~~interested~~ able to grant financial support to Dr. Combs while he is in Vienna. May we, then, ask you to provide the sum of - - - - - for our proposed plan?

Is that o.k.? Perhaps we should begin the letter with a specific request rather than put it at the end?

Hope this is the sort of thing you have in mind.

See you next week.

Your sincere,

