

Zug, April 24, 1956.

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Mr. William F. Friedman,
Washington DC.

Dear Bill:

Many thanks for your long nice letter of April 18th, which came to hand a few days ago! And thank you also for sending a copy of your revised article in the Encyclopædia Britannica - I shall write you again on receipt of same!

I was happy to hear that you are undoubtedly better now, than you were during my visit in Washington. It is, as you say, that it takes a long time for you to climb out of your depressions. But you should be happy in the knowledge that when you get out of that most unpleasant condition, then you are 100% OK for a considerable time! I think that should be preferable to my own, more or less constantly irritated condition, even if I have learnt by now to make a joke of it on most occasions.

I was also very glad to hear that Elizabeth has been well all this time, this must have been a real boon to both of you! I wish I could say the same about Annie: she has been under the weather most of the time since our return here. Now at long last she has rallied and has regained most of her strength.

With regard to Bo, I have been getting rather upset, as I havent heard from him since his telegram from Seattle on their arrival there. He should have been in Washington already about April 7th. So I have written Ingrid today, and have asked her to get in touch with him over the phone. I am afraid that he might have got ill.

I had a chat over the phone with Dr. Rudolf Hell this morning. He told me that you had graciously invited him for dinner, which I think was very kind of you. Hell is a fine fellow, both as a scientist and humanly. He will probably come to see us, with his wife, some time in May, before Annie and I go to Badenweiler in the Black Forest, on the 22nd of May.

Work is going on here, as usual, and of course we encounter a number of problems which are not so easy to solve. But we are optimists, and feel sure that we shall by and bye get out some mighty fine things. I will keep you posted on the developments. This will surely be our "year of decision", because most of my long-term plans should become completed before this year is out.

As I said above, I shall write you again, on receipt of the article! And until then, all the best wishes to you and Elizabeth, from
Affectionately yours

Annie and

PS: In case the General should inquire,
"Rosys" request on my behalf never
reached the authorities on the S/S
"United States".