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[To the Honorable Doctor Lowinsohn]

Dear Doctor!

Embarrassed by your letter, which, all the same, heartily refreshed us. I am sending you from here a few lines, which, however don't contain any apologies, because we did not say goodbye in person. Time ran out and on paper it seemed to me to sound too cold. Today 12 o'clock we leave Hamburg and tomorrow perhaps Germany! You will understand my feelings, when I depart - depart from my fatherland! But it is not [neither] anger, not hate, not desperation which takes me away. It is only our inability to watch powerless, how the one you love gets kicked around by shameless people with brutal force out of self-interest and tyranny for the satisfaction of their vain desires.

Our aim is to try to transplant a true German branch cleansed of all lower desire of a decadent culture, into a natural soil. I hope we shall find ourselves to be human beings again!

My wife still feels quite well, looking forward to the birth in happy anticipation. Schomburge told me you had been so kind, to talk with him about her - many thanks! I hope to give you some news in Rio de Janeiro and from Adelaide later on I will send you a detailed report. Farwell! I take your hand, which reaches out to me across this sheet, press it firmly and wish you all the best. Again Farewell!

Carl Linger

My wife too says goodbye and hopes you will keep her in fond Memory.