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June 10, 1937.

Dr. Alvin S. Johnson, Director,  
The University in Exile,  
66 West Twelfth Street,  
New York, New York.

My dear Dr. Johnson:

In a recent conversation at the University of Minnesota Dr. Richard Hartshorne told me that the German Government had forbidden Dr. Alfred Hettner of Heidelberg to publish his latest book because his grandmother had been a Jewess. The manuscript is apparently along lines which interest us, and it is quite possible that we might wish to give it publication, if we could see it. We are unfamiliar with the difficulties that may be in the way, both for the author personally and in the matter of getting the manuscript to this country; and Dean Gauss has suggested that we ask you about it.

Princeton has already shown her disapproval of the restrictions brought to bear on Education in Germany; and in principle this Press would be only too glad to offer an outlet for publication to worthy manuscripts of German professors who have been exiled or otherwise oppressed by the present regime in that country. The difficulties seem to be to make this fact known, to get the manuscripts here without unfortunate repercussions to the authors, and, in the event of publication, to remit the royalties with some hope that they will be enjoyed by the proper persons.

Can you inform us whether these difficulties can be surmounted, and whether arrangement to do so, if made, would serve any useful purpose? I should be glad to discuss the matter with you on my next trip to New York, if you think it worthwhile.

Very truly yours,

  
J. S. Mosher

BOOK

June 24, 1957

Dear Mr. Mosher:

On my return I found your letter of June 10th concerning Dr. Alfred Hettner and his suppressed book.

I think you would have no difficulty in getting the manuscript if you write directly to Dr. Hettner and say that your press would be interested in examining his manuscript. I believe that the Hitler regime offers no objections to the publication abroad of works whose sole offense is grandmotherly. Books regarded as an attack on the regime would be different. Nor is there any difficulty about remitting the royalties. The German government is happy to see exchange coming into Germany from whatever source.

I should have been glad to see you but I am here for an extremely brief period getting my desk in shape for a trip around the country which will keep me away until August 20th.

Sincerely,

Director

Mr. J. S. Mosher  
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