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*Re Adolf Knappe  
(E. Germany)*

Dear Dr. Blackburn,

you may recall that we met briefly some years ago in New Orleans where I admired your clarinet playing. Mrs. Blackburn gave me the address of your good friends, Dr. and Mrs. Schatz of St. Gallen, who gave us a big welcome party when we arrived in St. Gallen in August 1972.

Today I am writing to you on behalf of a very nice colleague of mine who is living and working in Eastern Germany (so called German Democratic Republic). He has organized a preventive cardiology unit in the city of Erfurt, associated with a Medical Academy of that city. His curriculum vitae is enclosed.


He is now in an extraordinary situation: under the present law, he would be permitted to leave the country for a period of 4 weeks provided he leaves his wife and 3 children at home. Since the government recognizes his abilities in preventive medicine, particularly preventive cardiology, he has been promised to get a round trip to be paid and in addition hotel room and board. The only thing he needs is an invitation for a period of approximately 2-3 weeks to see your department to have a chance to discuss problems of common interest with your associates and hopefully with you, in case you are in Minneapolis in June. He foresees a period of 2-3 weeks in June of 1974 or, if this is not convenient for you, he could also leave Eastern Germany in August 1974. Would you please be kind enough to consider

an official invitation to this nice young men. Fred Epstein who is now working in Zurich and I met him on several occasions and were impressed by his clear thinking and his almost unbelievable ability in spite of all limitations to adjust his own work to the latest scientific developments in the United States. Among others he is working with the Minesotta Code for years and is thoroughly familiar with your publications.

I hope that something can be done and, if you prefer, you could send this brief invitation to me for me to forward it to him or - in order to save time - you could send it directly to him.

Thanking you very much in advance for your help and with kindest personal regards to Mrs. Blackburn and you

cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Siegfried Heyden'.

Siegfried Heyden, M.D.

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