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Dear Margot and Barbara,

How delightful to get your card! I was happy to hear the good news of the marriage of Andrea. How sad to hear that my "mountain buddy" Biskup has left us. He lived hard and passionately and I do hope his death was not a difficult or painful one.

I have a hard time figuring out why, considering how much I and my family loved Salzburg, we have not made regular visits back there to renew old memories and friendships. Part of it had to do with my busy career involvement with other things, and with Nelly's teaching career. Part of it had to do, in the latter years, with Nelly and my unhappiness and not particularly enjoying traveling together.

At any rate, I hope to correct that before too long. Our lives here are really remarkably well and good.

Nelly and I were separated four years ago and she remarried one year ago to a very nice engineer and lives comfortably in St. Paul.

I live in a rambling old house near the lake where we lived the last twenty years and have, until recently, had my daughter Heidi in the third floor apartment. She has just become engaged to be married and has moved out.

I am still feeling and acting "reasonably" young and have a 32 year old companion who lives with me who is a journalist and writer. We have a delightful time together. I am still playing music, mainly jazz these days, and I still am head of a department which is now quite large with 33 faculty and 400 employees.

I plan to take a few months off next year for a study leave, several months of which I am hoping will be in Europe. If so, we certainly will do our best to swing by Salzburg to renew friendships. I am grateful to have your address again. Thank you so much for the note and for the delightful recollections of our Niederalmzeit.

Cordially,

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