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Dear Felix:

How nice to get your note and to hear of your nostalgic trip to Salzburg. I too get sentimental about Salzburg around this time of year. Two Christmases in Salzburg were quite romantic. I also had some warm memories about Salzburg recently when I got a lovely card from Margot Neumann and Biskup's wife. They sent the good news that they were having a delightful time together and the sad news that Biskup had died. They provided no details. I dropped the enclosed recent note to Margot.

It was good to hear about your new activities. I think I must have told you in my 1983 note that we lost our little "Lausbua", John, born in Salzburg, of a cerebellar tumor a few years ago. I must have been separated from Nelly at the time I wrote you. You will be pleased to hear that she is happily remarried, and that I am also well settled in a comfortable old house on a lake in Minneapolis with a charming writer-companion.

Our academic work moves along swimmingly with a big research effort and a large teaching program since we took over the Division of Epidemiology. I am looking forward to taking a study leave soon of six months, in which I hope to get by Salzburg.

We have very good friends at the University of Texas-Houston School of Public Health, particularly Darwin Labarthe, and a very dear friend and colleague recently died in your tumor center, Reuel Stallones. I will certainly look you up if I get down that way.

Thanks for keeping in touch. If you get north, it is always easy to stop down on any flight to Chicago or the West Coast. This is the main base of Northwest Airlines. I would love to show you some old skiing and climbing films in 8 mm in which you would be happy to see yourself 35 years younger!

Cordially,

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Professor and Director

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Enclosure

bcc: Nelly (letter & manuscript)