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A Chemist Helping Chemists

August 21, 1996

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Dear Peter:

David, Daniel, their families, Isabel and I so enjoyed our dinner with you and want to thank you most sincerely for your hospitality.

Now that we know how well you write in English and come to America occasionally, we so hope that you will visit us in Milwaukee before long.

The day after our dinner, I spent several hours looking at the records relating to anti-Nazis in Austria and among these found many references to Franz. Probably most - if not all - of these are known to you, but I found them so interesting that I enclose copies.

Franz was really a great man.

With all good wishes and best regards from all of us, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

AB/cw

Enclosures



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Dear Alfred,

Sobers

it's a great pleasure for me receiving your today's letter and knowing that we shall meet here in Vienna on the occasion of your present stay. Thank you for the two very nice and kindly written articles by Herschbach and Wawryshyn.

I shall expect you all for Dinner on Thursday, June 13th evening at 7,30 p. m. and I'm looking very much forward. The only thing I'm requesting you is that you let me know, possibly before leaving the States how many persons you will be coming to my house. I hope we shall have a nice meeting.

With best regards to you and the family

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Vienna 20.05.96

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May 15, 1996

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Dear Peter:

It has been quite a while since I have received a letter that has given me as much personal pleasure as your letter of May 9th received today.

After our last correspondence, I concluded that you would probably be in Grado in June and of course it is not reasonable to expect you to return from Grado to Vienna just to see some old friends, no matter how much these friends would love to see you. Now I know that we will be able to meet and that will be truly great.

Isabel and I plan to arrive in Vienna by car from Pardubice on Tuesday, June 11th, and we will stay in Vienna until Saturday morning, June 15th. We are staying in a small pension in a small street, the SchlósslgaÙe, which of course I know well because Franz owned a house on that very street.

As you will see from the enclosed, my talk will be at 5:30 on Tuesday afternoon, and it is customary for academics to invite the speaker to supper. On Wednesday evening, we have accepted an invitation for dinner to two of our oldest friends, Doctors Ala and Paul Löw-Ber. Thursday evening and Friday evening are open, and if you could possibly see us on one of those evenings, it would be easier than on Tuesday evening.

Peter, there is really no need to invite us to dinner, but of course, my family and I would very much like to see you anytime convenient to you.

With fond regards from house to house, as always,

AB/cw

c: David Bader
Daniel Bader



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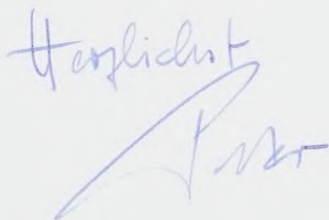
Dear Alfred,

sorry that it took me such a long time answering since your last letter arrived here. Having had to see how the works in my house will run and how long I shall have the worksmen, I could`nt make up a quicklier and secure decision about what I`ll do and when. But seeing now that everything could be finished at the end of May and therefor being sure to be able to have guests I would like to have you and your family here in the house for Dinner.

I would suggest for this event the evening after your speech at the University. Let me know if that evening would suit each of you. If not make me another proposal. You see, I changed my mind to have the chance to welcome you all together here in my house and I`m looking forward very much. I`m so curious about meeting your sons because not having seen them since about thirty years. You have brought them with you shortly we had moved in here in Strehlgasse and that was in 1965.

I`ll leave Vienna after your depature. That means 2nd half of June. Please don`t forget to let me know if June 11th evening is OK or if another day might be more convenient.

Looking forward meeting you and your family,
with warmest greetings



Vienna, 09.05.96





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February 7, 1996

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Dear Peter:

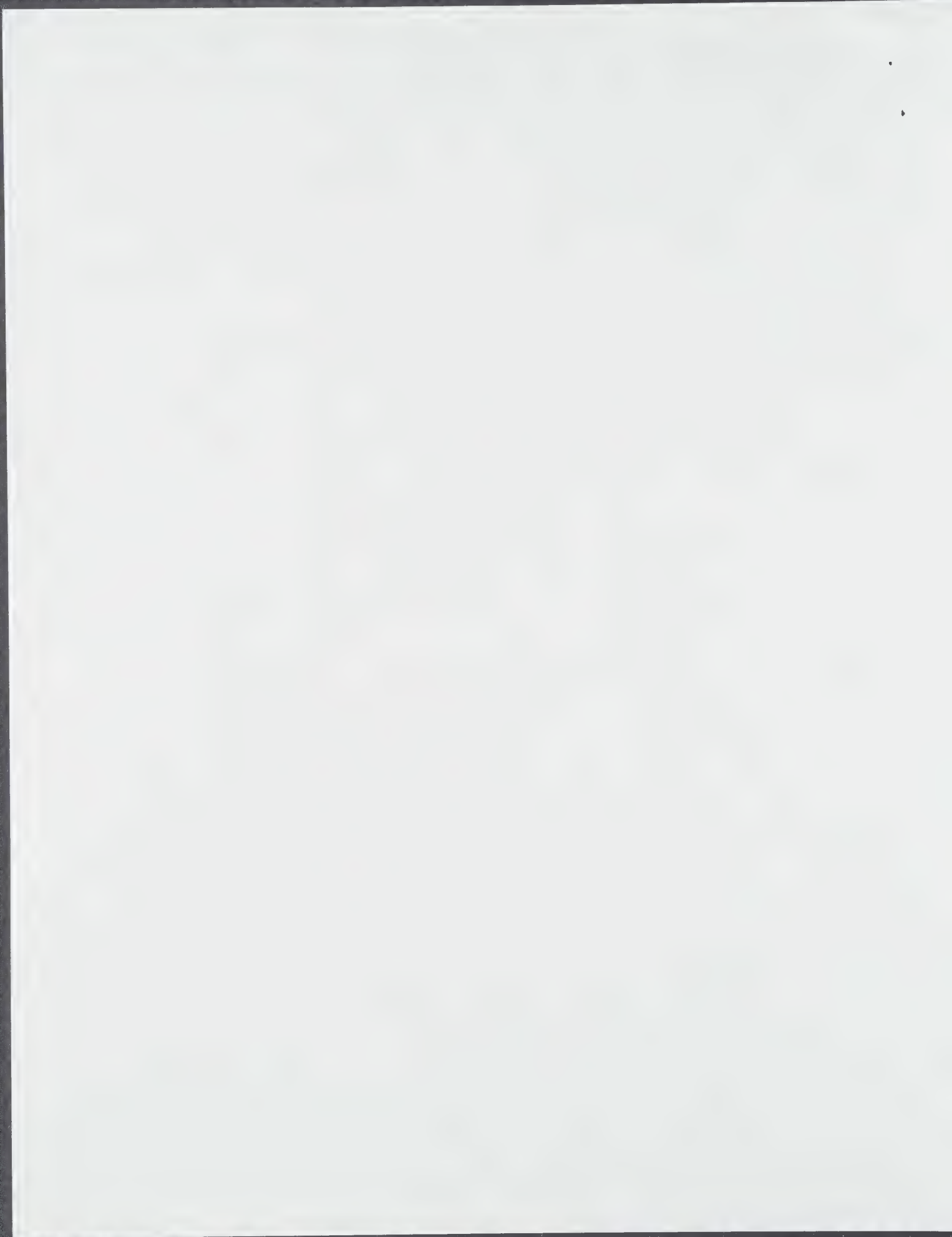
As you will be able to imagine, I was truly sorry to know from your last letter that we again missed each other during my visit to Vienna.

Now Isabel and I are again planning our next trip to Europe, specifically to Austria, the Czech Republic, Switzerland and Germany, but have not yet finalized the dates. It will certainly have to be in the first half of June, but we could plan to come to Vienna at a time when you will be there. Do you plan to be in Vienna then, and if not, could you please tell me what dates you will be there?

Peter, please don't think for a moment that I am so insistent because I might like to ask for anything from you. It is simply that the older I get, the more I think about the truly good friends in my life, and one of my very best was Franz. And so of course, it would give me a great deal of pleasure if I could talk to the person who was really closest to him.

Our last visit to Vienna was just great. I gave two lectures on Josef Loschmidt, and the University of Vienna even honored me by making me an honorary citizen of the University. Franz would have been even more pleased by this honor than I was.

The family and I are all well, as is our first granddaughter, Helena, born to David and Michelle who now live in Pennsylvania.

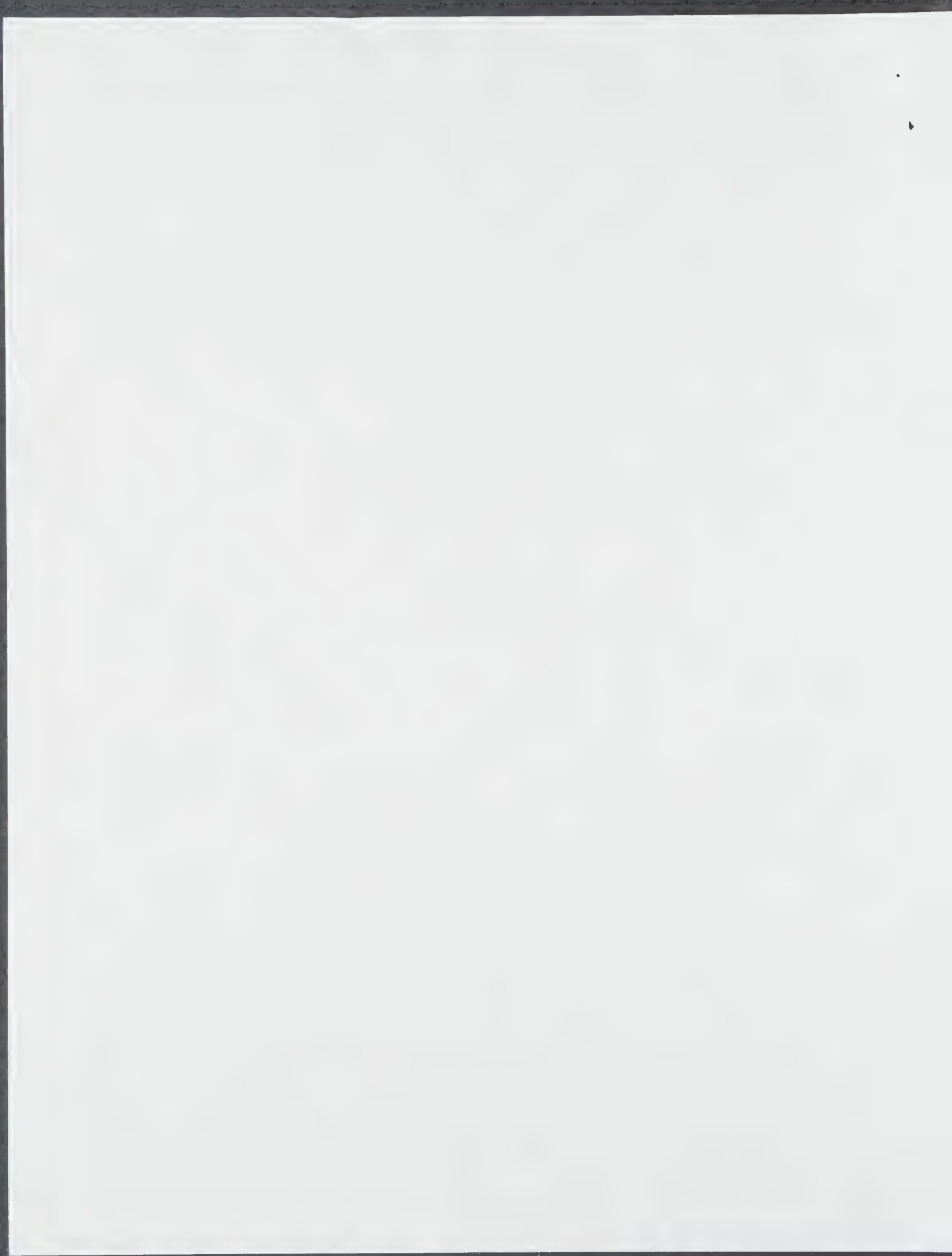


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In your letter of May 29th, you mentioned the possibility that you might come to the United States. Surely I don't have to tell you that a guest room awaits you here. But please tell us well in advance, because I am invited to lecture in many parts of the country and like you, we are at home only part of the time.

With all good wishes from Isabel and me, as always,

AB/cw



Peter Sobek

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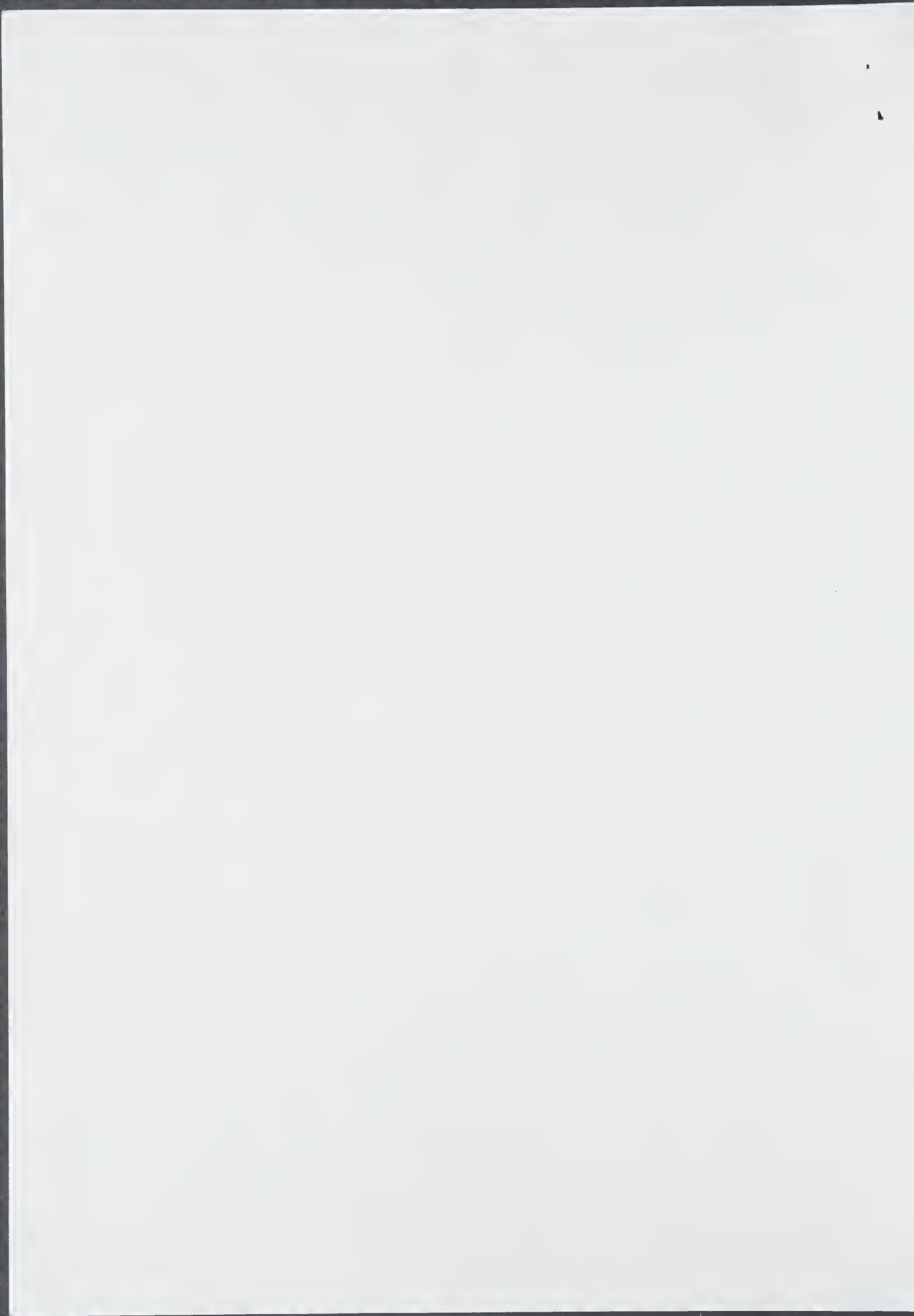
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March 20, 1996

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Dear Peter:

I am both happy and concerned about your letter of March 15th. Happy because I didn't know that you could write in such good English and that there is a good chance that we will meet somewhere before long. But unhappy because I fear that you will again be away from Vienna on the days that Isabel and I - and incidentally also David and Daniel and their families - will be in Vienna.

I have been invited to speak at the University at 17:30 on Tuesday afternoon, June 11th, and then stay in Vienna for three days, either until the 13th or 14th. But I fear that you will be in Grado, which incidentally I know quite well because I had to stay there for 21 days every August when I was a little boy, and I found it ever so boring.

From Vienna, we will go to Switzerland, where I have to consult for a chemical company and want to be at the Fischer Auction in Lucerne on June 18th. And from there we will travel via Stuttgart and Munich and fly back to England around June 22nd.

Is there any chance that you might interrupt your stay in Italy and join all of us in Vienna between the 11th and 14th of June?

Alternatively, do make definite plans to visit us in Milwaukee. I don't get to New York or Washington often and rather dislike both cities. But there are such good non-stop flights by Midwest Express from New York and also from Washington to Milwaukee that I hope you will visit us.

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How about this coming August, when we plan to be here all month? Milwaukee gets hot, but our house is air-conditioned.

With fond regards from house to house, as always,

AB/cw

PETER SOBEK

March 15, 1996

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Dear Alfred,

thank you for your letter from 02 96. I also was very sorry that we missed each other even last year and I hope that we we shall be able to make a better arrangement in 96.

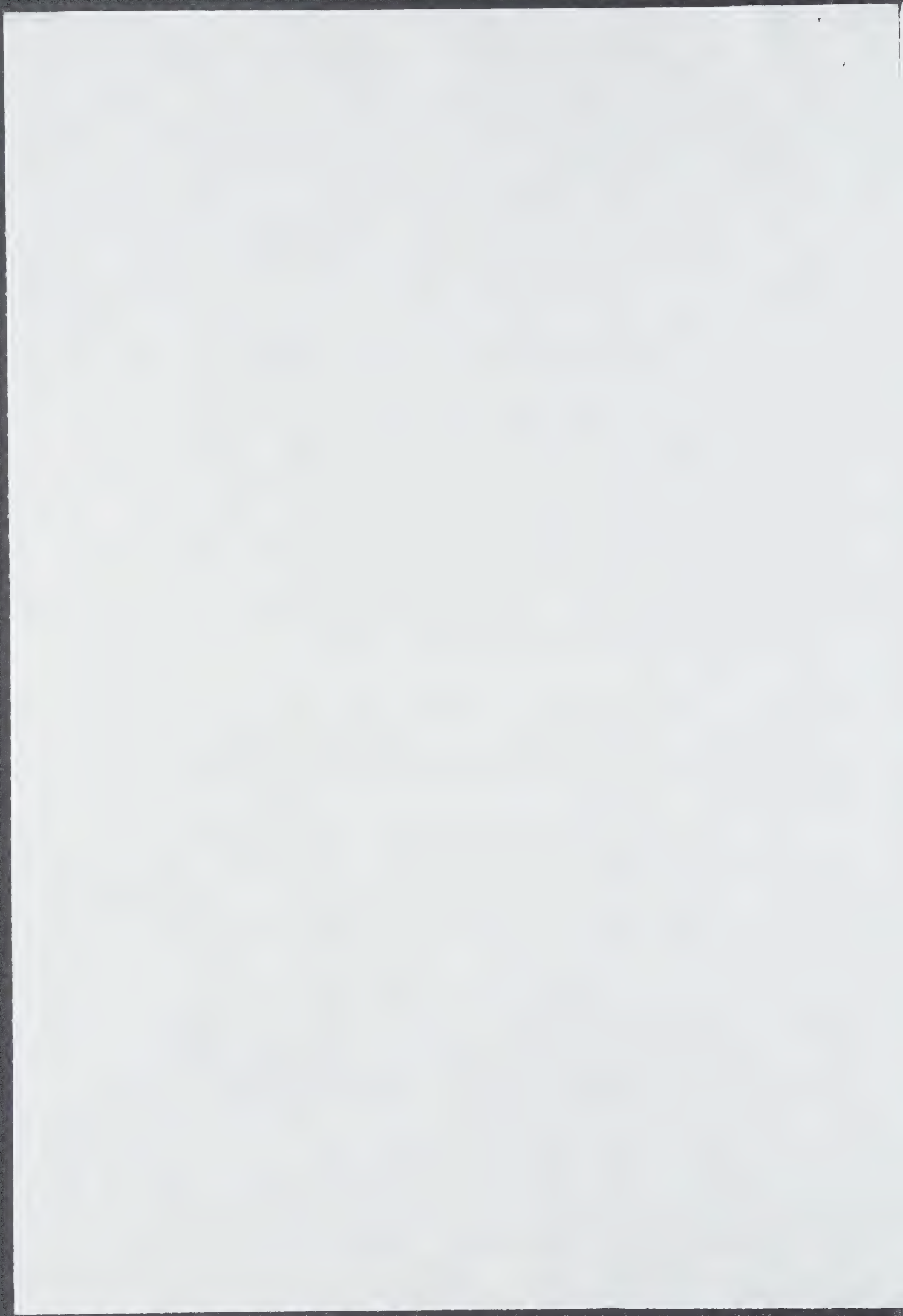
My plans for this year are followings : I shall stay here during whole Springtime because having started the renovation of my house here in Strehlgasse I have to. I was hoping that this winter will becom so as the were during the last years and started with the works in October. But for my greatest frustration it started with snowfalls on Nov. 3rd and its still lasting. Hopefully it will end soon that I can start with those outdoor works to come to an end . Such endless things are terribly dull. About May 20th I have to go to Italy because very close friends of mine from Washington will celebrate their 50th anniversary in Merano where they have married in 46. About twenty persons are invited, the whole family, and they are also very much looking forward my presence. So I have to be there and to stay also with them for a while. Connecting that I shall be in Grado where I use to stay always in June because July and Augst are impossible. Everybody spends his holydays at the sea. These both months I probably will be here in Vienna. I don't like to do so very much because it's so uninspired but at this season Merano is too hot.

I'm very sorry that you were thinking, even when it was only for an short instant, that I'm or I was frightened that you would ask for anything of mine. Realy not, knowing you so well and for such a long time! These were always only those heck arrangements of our different time-tables which always prevented to meet each other here in Vienna during your visite here.

My congratulation to be made a honorary citizen of the University of Vienna! I think we all together are thinking the same about this fact - Franz would had done as well - but it's at least a sign of good will to honor your merits on Josef Loschmidt.

I'm glad to hear that you all are well. Congratulations having become grand-father. Give my love to the parents with best wishes for baby Helena. A wonderful name!

Thank you very much for offering me a guest room in your house. But what I meant was, if we arn't able to manage a meeting in Vienna we could arrange that perhabs in New York or Washington during a stay of mine, thinking that you are going there some times a year. Or do I hoodwink myself? But any way - I could make also once, being in the States a trip to Milwaukee - why not. Not having been there befor I could catch the possibility to see your wonderful collection. But I hope that we shall meet befor here in Vienna.



Having you told now my temporary plans for this year I hope that you are able to harmonize yours and we shall see each other in Strehlgasse so as we did it always many years ago. When you have fixed everything let me know the exact date of your stay here in Vienna.

With my best wishes to you an Isabel and the whole family

Always yours

Peter

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May 10, 1995

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Dear Peter:

Our travel plans are now complete, and, of course, Isabel and I very much hope to be able to spend a little time with you. We so missed seeing you on our last several visits.

We will arrive in Vienna on Friday afternoon, June 23rd, and then leave for Munich on Tuesday evening, the 27th.

We will be in Vienna mainly to attend the Josef Loschmidt Symposium, and as you will see from the enclosed, I have been invited to give two lectures.

My autobiography, *Adventures of a Chemist Collector*, has now been published in London by Weidenfeld, another old Viennese character, and the book is being sold in Vienna by Deuticke at Helfertstorferstraße 4, Vienna I.

Naturally, I wrote about Franz and can truly say that Vienna is not the same without him.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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