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Erika Mann

March 20, 1950

Mr. John Willig
69 Horatio Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Willig:

I know from Klaus that you were a friend of his on the Stars and Stripes, and owe your address to Peter Viereck.

Querido Publishers in Amsterdam are about to publish a volume in memory of Klaus which is to come out on or about May 21st (the first anniversary of his death). 30 or so of K's writing friends in a number of countries have contributed to the book. I am sorry that your name occurred to me at this late hour, but feel confident that your journalistic training will make it possible for you to compose - if you so desire - a short piece within no time. Say whatever you please. But since you, and perhaps Peter Lindamood - who was with Klaus in Psychological Warfare in Africa and Italy, would be the only fellow soldiers of Klaus to be represented in the book, I personally should think it most desirable if you'd put down a few memories typical of Klaus as a "soldier".

Would you send the piece of which I sincerely hope that it will come into existence, directly and by airmail to Dr. Rudolf Hirsch, Querido Publishers, 262 Singel, Amsterdam, Holland? If you'd let me have a copy by even mail I should be all the more grateful. Incidentally, one or two pages will be just as welcome as six or eight.

With best wishes

Yours very sincerely

Erika Mann.