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Mr. Roger Senhouse
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Dear Roger, -

it is actually and truly ages that we haven't heard from each other. Which state of affairs I personally consider a sad one. Of course, there are always reasons galore. However, that's hardly a consolation.

I've just returned from all sorts of travels (particularly the "Buddenbrook"-Film has cost me almost a year of uninterrupted work) and found my mother still very much impressed with Freddy Warburg's book. I am looking forward to devouring it.

On the other hand your Spring Catalogue was awaiting me here (printed matters are never forwarded from this mail-ridden place), and I thought that it would surely amuse me to read Moss Hart's "Act One". Would you be so sweet as to arrange for me to get it at some reduced price ?

Moreover: the Swiss publishing house of Scherz (Berne) recently published a juvenile of mine, entitled "Die Zugvögel, - Sängerknaben auf abenteuerlicher Fahrt" (in English, roughly: Migratory Birds - The Adventures of a Boy-Choir). The book, a full-sized novel for children, has 246 pages and tells the story of an 11 year old chap called Till who longs to join the internationally famous boys-choir, achieves his purpose, and travels with the "migrants" all over Europe. They go singing in Holland, England, Sweden, France, Italy and Switzerland and, incidentally, see and learn a lot whilst having a very great deal of fun. My masterpiece got excellent notices and is doing well. Its main disadvantage, as far as you are concerned, would, I imagine, consist of its being written in German. Even so, I thought I'd better offer the thing to you, as I, a) still owe you some money and, b) do not deem it impossible that you might be interested. Scherz isn't overly generous regarding complementary copies; so I shan't send the precious volume unless you express some sort of desire to have a look at it. No sooner any such desire were expressed than I should hasten to mail your copy.

All the best to you and would you please give my kindest regards to Freddy and Pamela.

Yours as ever very cordially: