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February 27, 1950

Dear Muriel:

Some time last summer Querido Publishers in Amsterdam decided to publish a small volume in memoriam Klaus. They asked me to give them a list of people likely to be willing to contribute to the book. Needless to say I gave them your name. I don't know, however, whether they ever succeeded in obtaining your address. In fact, since there doesn't seem to have been any reply from you, I rather suspect that you failed to receive the invitation.

Landshoff, editor in chief, has been ill for quite some time and publication has consequently been delayed. Moreover, - also owing to Landshoff's illness - I have been asked to edit the book, - to arrange the sequence, make necessary cuts and minor alterations, and especially to see to it that those among Klaus' friends who have not as yet been heard from be included if at all possible. I am most anxious to have you represented and if it is only 500 or 700 words that you may feel like putting down. You knew Klaus so well - I still remember a moving letter you wrote to my father, telling him how happy K. was to receive his ~~xxxxx~~ comment on "The Turning Point": and altogether for many reasons that I need hardly enumerate I should be most grateful if you would agree to write that piece. Unfortunately, time is by now of the essence. But then the moment you sit down the job ought to be virtually done. Should you prefer to do it by means of a letter to me, that would be all right, too. Only, if you can at all please let me have your answer soon.

With kindest regards

Yours as ever cordially

Erika Mann.