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March 26, 1963

Mr. Stephen J. Neiman
General Manager
Caedmon Records Inc.
461 Eighth Avenue
New York 1

Dear Mr. Neiman, -

enclosed, please, find a letter my mother has just addressed to Mrs. Mampell. Should -by any remote chance - Mrs. Mampell be not with your firm any longer, I attach this communication relating my mother's letter in English. She says:

"A German firm wishes to produce a Thomas Mann recording the main content of which would be a chapter from 'Felix Krull'. In order to complemente that record a small contribution is needed, and as for content and length the short piece from 'The Holy Sinner', entitled 'Die Busse' which was incorporated in your T. M. record, would be very suitable, we very much want to use that particular piece. Your record - as far as I know - is hardly for sale in the 'Bundesrepublik' and even if it were, the transfer of that bit to the 'Krull'-recording would be incapable of dammaging your record, rich in content as it is. Consequently, I may hope for Caedmon Records to be agreeable to our request and to let us have an affirmative answer as soon as possible. The German firm is waiting for my reply."

For the rest my mother's letter to Mrs. Mampell is of a personal character, and there is no need for me to translate it for you.

I should be much obliged if you - or Mrs. Mampell - would take care of the matter at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

PS. It so happens that I recorded the chapter "Die Busse" when my father had just finished it and redd it to us in the summer of 1950. That tape is still in my possession so that the German firm wouldn't be using your record but my own private recording.



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