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May 14, 1964

Dr. Otto Nathan
Estate of Albert Einstein
55 East 10th Street
New York 3, New York

Dear Dr. Nathan, -

thank you ever so much for letting me have that photostat of my father's letter to Albert Einstein. (May 15th, 1933). Unfortunately, however, I don't seem to have made myself quite clear when I asked Miss Bender to transmit my request to you. As it goes, the city of Munich is about to open an important exhibition, "Richard Strauss und seine Zeit", on the occasion of Strauss' 100th birthday. As you may remember Strauss was among the first to sign that outrageous "Protest der Wagnerstadt München" directed against Thomas Mann. Now the people in charge of the exhibition want to show both, The Protest and my father's letter to Einstein. What they need are huge enlargements to plaster to walls with. Needless to say a mere photostat would become too thin when enlarged to the needed extent which is why they should be most grateful for the letter to be photographed so that they could get the film and make the enlargement. There is quite some hurry about the whole thing which is being put together by a close friend of mine whom I should be happy to please. Besides - or above all - I deem it a very good idea to exhibit the letter in the manner proposed.

So if you could see your way clear to having the film made, it would be excellent if you'd send the film to

Signe von Scanzoni
Stadtmuseum
Jakobsplatz
München

Incidentally, I still keep discovering things among my father's papers although they are long since supposed to be sorted out. Just now I have found a brief but handwritten communication from Albert Einstein. I send you a photostat tomorrow.

With kindest regards and renewed thanks
yours cordially,

