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**To all our relatives and friends:**

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Dear relatives, dear friends,

Due to the effects of age Hilde and myself went through a rather turbulent time during 2013 and 2014: On March 26, 2013 the psychiatrists recommended finally to transfer Hilde permanently under professional care for dement patients by the “Haus am Brunnen” (“house at the fountain”), see address above. Then, living alone in our house in Sindelfingen caused increasing problems for me while I looked after Hilde almost daily. Particularly driving my car became at my age increasingly difficult and risky. Consequently, after some exploratory time, on March 17, 2014 I signed the contract for permanent age care offered by the “Haus am Brunnen”. This move eliminated all problems for me, i.e. shopping by car, food and kitchen service living alone, visits of my wife by car as well as the risk of an accident, living alone in our house, etc.

Needless to say: The time from March 2013 to March 2014 was filled by turbulences, even more, as Hilde and myself had several health problems requiring clinical treatments . Now, I am still engaged designing my limited workspace in the fine room of the “Haus am Brunnen” where I want to create a perfect computer and communication installation –if I am lucky - for quite some time to come. The plans for meaningful scientific writing and for communication exist in the mind.

Hilde’s dement condition meanwhile has progressed: She still recognizes her direct family, but no further people. The professional care employees keep her in good and even humeral mood. Also, she still can play piano (from notes directly to the fingers) and she plays from popular songs to classic music and even to some rag time compositions, to the great delight of the co-inhabitant patients. But when I appear she suddenly recognizes her staying in a locked environment and she asks me to take her out of it, which meanwhile is no longer permitted by court order. My “sorry - no” of course causes a despair reaction which makes her very unhappy. Therefore I have agreed with the head of the care staff to calibrate the frequency of my visits to the best for her.

For some of you this information is known already, but I don’t remember how much I told to whom. So. I distribute this letter to all of you again. Of course, I realize that many of you feel obliged to care about us by sending greetings, flowers or even presents. All of this would require attention and response from me which absorbs strength and especially precious time from me.. Therefore, I take the courage to ask you kindly for abstaining. If you have the desire to contact me, a letter or a phone call would be most welcome, preferably in the morning from 9 -11:30 (yet, sometimes I am away in the morning), or in the evening after 18:30 until 20:00 our time).

Again, I kindly ask for your understanding our situation and to accept my apologies for neglecting our acquaintance.

With cordial greetings, sincerely,

Karl Ganzhorn