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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

During October Doctor Bettelheim and I, while participating in scientific meetings in Kautschach, had an opportunity to get to know some more about Dr. Franz Witzeling's and his colleagues' work in the and for the Humaninstitut.

Of course, I have known Dr. Witzeling and his work now for a number of years, was very honored to participate in it, and I understand that his institution will now carry out a study on the theme: "The Situation of Youth". I understand the focus is to study the environment, the influence of the video world, of Disco, and of the influence of present day culture: "That they are interested in studying the rhythm and dynamics of development and the different new forms of perception and communication." The main focus, of course, will be the resolution of conflicts, the possibility of solutions, an important work in our time.

As I judge from my past connection, and from this year's experience, I believe that Dr. Witzeling's group is more than able to undertake this enterprise and I hope all the financial and practical support can be found in order to help him carry out this study which will be useful for the whole region. Since I hope to come to Austria again next year, I also want to indicate my interest in collaborating in any way that I can, and bring some of the American experience and American studies as well as my Viennese experience, as well as in other parts of Europe to this project. It will be worthwhile, an enrichment for the whole region, for Austria and all the individuals who will benefit from it.

Most respectfully yours,

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