

December 24, 1970

Dear Viktor,

I am sending enclosed copy of the letter which I sent to Johns Hopkins.

I do not need to tell you how much difficult it was for me to come to this decision. I hope that I can have a leave of absence as I asked for, and in this way to keep some sort of association with our Department where, thank to you, I enjoyed the best- I should say the only-happy years of my life. I cannot foresee the future but I still hope to be able to come back to Washington U. in the years to come.

Paola has recovered almost completely and this seems to me and to her doctors a miracle. However I must confess that I am still under shock and all our friends feel that she is now much better than I am.

I send you again, Viktor all my best and warmest wishes. I think of you all the time as my best friend and the person that did more for me than everybody else. What a luck to have received your invitation 24 years ago!

I am very much looking forward to seeing you end of January. It now seems that I will be able to leave Paola at that time.

Mich. Luv.

Louis,

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