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TRANSLATION OF A Letter From Prof. Dr. Ernst Topitsch, January 9, 2001

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Graz,9.1.2001

Dr. Robert H. Countess 28755 Sagewood Circle Toney, AL 35773 USA

Dear Dr.Countess,

In connection with my letters dated Dec. 28, 2000, and Jan. 1, 2001, I may send you a brief explanation.

Last year, a Professor was driven to commit suicide here because of a scientific article he wrote.

One has to consider every word here with us, and it is advisable, not to touch certain topics at all.

In hoping for your understanding, I stay with the best recommendations, also to Elda

[sgn.] Ernst Topitsch

PS: Regarding a new text I get in touch with Dr.Hoffmann.

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I CERTIFY THAT I POSSESS EXPERT COMPREHENSION OF BOTH THE ENGLISH AND GERMAN LANGUAGES AND THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE AND ACCURATE TRANSLATION.

J. M. Damon, MA, The University of Texas at Austin 25 October 2000

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