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My dear Roman,

A thousand thanks to you for your generous action in making my humble name known to the Berlin Academy and for the warm personal invitation to myself and my wife which accompanies it. Your proposal with regard to the 'Academie' is so much beyond any deserts of mine that I <sup>shimed</sup> feel inclined to decline the great honour, were it not that I might risk losing your friendship too, and that is a greater sacrifice than I feel obliged to incur. So I heartily accept both your kind proposals for July 4. I am almost ashamed to take kindness by the hand fulls like this, but I hope that my wife also will be able to accompany me, as she has long been wishing to visit Berlin and the friends she has made there. I have been so afraid that <sup>some day</sup> you might arrive there to find our friends absent or busy or forgetful of us that it ~~is~~ is an opportunity not to be lost to visit it when we are sure of being grasped by friendly hands on the very threshold.

I shimed just now have had to come to Berlin in any case to see Frisch, and I shall hope at the same time to bring the big painting of 'Menna' that my wife has done for the Museum.

I was rather annoyed at having to make the journey to Berlin on business only and for a day or two. Now you have made it something to look forward to and I think it will be something to look back upon as one of our pleasantest memories.

As for the recognition of the insignificant services I have been able to render, there is no quarter in the world from which I should be so proud to receive it as from Berlin, and I think no quarter in the world that would be so magnanimous as to render it.

How deeply glad I am to be able to write "Auf Wiedersehen". My wife joins me in warm greetings to the friends she is about to make, if Fortune's wheel holds steady.

Yours most sincerely  
W. de laus Daviel