

7th March 1905

Your Excellency!

Dear Doctor!

I send my gratitude to Your Excellency for your kind notifications of 2nd March and your friendly words of pleasant appreciation, which you, dear Doctor, had been gracious enough to have for the success of my actions.

Hearing about your liberal intentions from Dr. Hugo Hardy, I have – partly due to a great deal of work and partly desiring to hear of something more certain beforehand – at first refrained from expressing my gratitude towards you immediately; instantly after my wish for an actual point of reference was fulfilled, I have allowed myself to express my thanks for your generous liberality on 24th January 1905.

Unfortunately, your assumption that I am already in the possession of this collection is not justified; I am not even in the possession of the certificate of shipping yet. Dr. Hardy has told me recently that the collection will arrive in a few weeks.

I do not think I need to assure you that I am very looking forward to the arrival of the collection, which indeed seems to be a very fine collection according to the list.

I do not have much hope for the arrival of the collection of Dr. Wilson, but I am prepared and look ahead; if there were no disappointments from time to time, there would only be half as much delight in succeeding.

I sincerely hope that your wish for a Reich position will be fulfilled; I would see an asset to it here, because Councilor of Commerce Mr. Zilling always talks about your eagerness and business insights with high appreciation. However, considering the current mood in the Reichstag, I do not have much hope.

If I would have the chance to welcome you, dear Doctor, here one day, I would be very pleased to see you again after such a long time and to again thank you very much for your graciousness. Visiting my museum would perhaps also give Your Excellency the idea to not dismiss the thought of an occasional expedition to the Philippines.

The fact that you did not receive the requested letter from President Roosevelt to His Majesty the Emperor conforms to a fixed practice that cannot be changed.

I have heard about your excellent work for the French Colonial museum in Paris from the French on occasion of the conference of the International Americanist Congress in August of this year – it was highly acknowledged.

I would again like to take a chance to assure you my deep respect to Your Excellency,

[Karl Graf von] Linden

To Gustav Niederlein, Zittau