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Dear Lud:

Jean and I are very sorry to learn from Miss Warren that you have "rather seriously" injured your eye "and will not be able to return to the office for some time." That must be, at best, a painful and extremely annoying interlude. We hope the interlude proves shorter than expected, and that the final outcome is perfect vision again. Do take care of yourself!

I have just received an air mail letter from Uncle George written yesterday. He had been in communication with Dr. J. J. Augustin in New York, who assures him that the Augustin printing establishment in Hamburg-Glückstadt is intact, has the necessary materials at hand--in short, is fully prepared to set and print the Keptische Grammatik. Uncle George thinks this is now the best procedure. Keith and I agree with him. I telephoned Keith immediately, he telephoned Wieck, & Wieck has promised to send the MS back to Uncle George at once. (Return of the MS is requested because Uncle George wants to use it in connection with ~~is~~ other work, per ~~today's~~ today's letter from Uncle George.)

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Meanwhile Wieck has heard from the Bollingen people that they have set aside a sum to pay for typing the MS, and that they are also interested in the suggestion that the text might be written out by a calligrapher. Wieck wants the MS sent back to Chicago again so the U. of C. Press can send it to Augustin and get from him an estimate of the cost of printing in Germany. Keith and I see no reason why the U. of C. Press should ever be allowed to see the MS again: they had their chance last summer, and plenty of it. By all means (if the Bollingen people are willing) let the MS go from Uncle George, either directly or through you, to Augustin in New York so that you and Bollingen can get Augustin's estimate without the senseless complication of an intermediary in the U. of C. Press. But naturally we do not regard the present as just the proper psychological moment for saying that to Wieck.

If the final decision is to print in Germany, we see no reason for typing. However, Uncle George has the excellent idea that the MS be microfilmed for safety. That surely should be done.

Best wishes, especially for your eye, from Jean and

Bill