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Dear Hamburger:

Thank you for your letter conveying the sad news of the death of my dear friend, Hans Spemann. I can readily understand your feeling of indebtedness to him. He seemed to me an ideal teacher as well as investigator, and I know he was very much troubled by the circumstances that separated you from his laboratory.

His last letter to me was dated June 10, 1940. He remembered my birthday, which falls on the same day as his own, though he was a year older, and spoke with so much appreciation of his visits to America and especially about our personal relationship during that time. He spoke also of his anxiety for his two sons in the Army and of his belief in the German cause. I am sure that there was great conflict in his mind between his scientific idealism and the conditions that had developed in his native land. He added, "Wenn Sie daruber anders denken, so wollen wir uns doch nie unser personliches Verhaltnis dadurch truben lassen."

When you next write to Mrs. Cloos please convey to her my sincere sympathy in her great loss.

Mrs. Lillie joins me in kind greetings to Mrs. Hamburger and yourself.

Yours truly,

Frank R. Lillie