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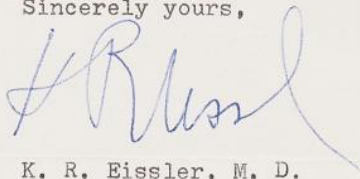
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Dear Dr. Solomon,

It was extremely kind of you to send me a copy of the translation of Freud's letter to Dr. Emil Oberholzer. Your donation will be forwarded to the Library of Congress, and is an important enrichment of our files.

With renewed thanks, I am,

Sincerely yours,



K. R. Eissler, M. D.

9 Dec [19]21

Dear Doctor

My correspondence with my colleague Dr. Blum is already closed. When I answered him that I would probably find time in the spring and that the hour would cost 50 Fr., he wrote that he regretted not to be able to afford that much.

Because you are supporting him so much, I shall gladly return to his case to consider future possibilities. Do tell him that he can get an excellent analysis here with Dr. [Otto] Rank for half of my fee. Perhaps he will settle for that. He should also get in contact with R. at once. I cannot reduce my honorarium for I must use the short time in which I am still able to work to lift myself out of the war-time poverty, and American and English physicians come to me in such great numbers that any reduction of the honorarium for one case would mean a straight sacrifice to me. Unfortunately, I cannot behave altruistically now, especially since I am seriously thinking of reducing the numbers of my working hours in accordance with my age.

Your memoirs for the cover I should very much like to have for the periodical. You appear on the title page and are not at all represented inside. The case will be valuable also for our German readers. It could easily be translated for the English journal, either here or in London. I am counting on it!

With cordial greetings to you and your dear wife,
Yours, Freud

P.S. The one-day disturbance didn't affect any of us.

Freud letter to Emil Oberholzer, 9 December 1921, University Archives auctioneers, Wilton, CT, USA, Rare Autographs, Books & Space Memorabilia sale, 4 June 2025, lot 496, \$4,250.

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Sigmund Freud, Vienna, Austria, December 9, 1921, **Sigmund Freud ALS Re: His Hourly Fees, "I cannot reduce my honorarium for I must use the short time in which I am still able to work to lift myself out of the war-time poverty", ALS**

Sigmund Freud (1856-1939). Autograph Letter Signed, "Freud," in German, 2pp, on one sheet of his personal letterhead measuring 8.875" x 11.375", Vienna, December 9,

1921. With complete translation to English. Flattened folds and light toning, in near fine condition. Accompanied by a letter from the Sigmund Freud Archives thanking the previous owner for providing a translation. A compelling letter regarding Freud's fees and personal finances.

A very interesting letter penned by Freud regarding a possible patient named Dr. Blum (likely Swiss psychoanalyst and psychiatrist Dr. Ernst Blum), who can't afford his hourly fee. Writing to his colleague Emil Oberholzer, Freud suggests referring Blum to fellow psychoanalyst Otto Rank for "half my fee," but that he himself "cannot reduce my honorarium for I must use the short time in which I am still able to work to lift myself out of the war-time poverty..." Despite Freud's initial refusal, he did analyze Dr. Blum the following year; Blum would go on to teach at the University of Bern and operate his own practice.

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