

May 2, 1979

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Mr. and Mrs. Hans Sennholz
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Dear Mary and Hans:

I have been delegated by Percy and by FEE to thank you on behalf of all three of us for the inventory of Mises' private papers. We are certainly glad to have this to refer to. Some one of these days I hope to visit Grove City and look through the papers personally. Needless to say, the unpublished manuscripts will be among the strongest attractions.

When I read the "anonymous" biography of Mises, included as an introduction to the inventory, it sounded sort of familiar. Now that I have checked my files I find that it was written by Percy and me.

Machlup had drafted an obituary for The American Economic Review, which Mrs. Mises didn't think did him justice and she sent it to us for suggestions. There were a number of factual errors, mistakes in dates. Also there was no mention of his founding the Austrian Institute for Business Cycle Research, or of his connection with the Mt. Pelerin Society. We called these errors and omissions to Mrs. Mises' attention. At that same time we drafted and sent as a possible substitute the brief biographical sketch you found in manuscript form. She wrote Machlup about the factual errors and the mistakes in dates, for he corrected them before the obituary was printed. I don't know whether she mentioned to him the Mt. Pelerin Society or the Austrian Institute for Business Cycle Research but in any case they weren't included in the final obituary. Perhaps she felt it diplomatic to call his attention only to the few dates he had misstated. Certainly she didn't send him our suggested revision of his obituary; she didn't want to run the risk of antagonizing a noted friend of such long standing.

We are looking forward to seeing you both at the trustees' meeting in a couple of weeks. Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Bettina Bien Greaves