247 West Fourth Street,
N.Y.C.
July 20th, 1940.

Dear Mr. Rose:—

I have just had a letter from Mr. Orians in which he encloses your paper on THE FIGHTING TEMERAIRE. I don't quite see why he does not send it on to you directly, but I quote from his letter. "It was dreadfully delayed, he says, because the paper went astray. I did not write to Mr. Rose about it because I felt that it would turn up in time—which it did. I want over the matter with Reichardt and others and it seems on such a minute subject as to be of no interest for a section meeting."

I am afraid there is very little I can now do except hope that, as you yourself suggested in an earlier letter, it will be relatively easy to place the paper for publication. I found it interesting enough particularly in its strictly comparative aspects. I am looking forward to seeing it printed.

Yours very sincerely,

[Signature]

[Note: The signature is not legible.]
Ithaca, N.Y.
November 18th, 1940.

The enclosed Bibliography is being sent to all those members of the MLA group Comparative Literature VI who have expressed an active interest in Anglo-German literary relations.

The cost of these offprints is considerable and you are therefore urged to send as soon as possible the sum of 25 cents to the undersigned. It is not advisable to pay by check since the collecting charges are unduly great.

Your prompt cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Victor Lange.

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Ithaca, N.Y.
Professor Ernst Rose  
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Washington Square  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Professor Rose:

I must apologize most emphatically for the delay in my reply to your letter of September 2, which I found only yesterday upon my return from Chicago. I hope this brief line will not come too late.

I am inclined to suggest Mr. Fuerst as chairman for next year. As secretary I would vote for Mr. Richter or for Mr. Oskar Seidlin who will be in Ohio State this fall. As a new member of the Nominating Committee I would propose Miss Hofrichter who seems admirably suited to represent the ladies.

As to a special discussion topic for the meeting I am a little hesitant to make recommendations. It seems to me that as a rule "single-topic" programs can be profitably assembled only with the very greatest difficulties. I think the group has an extraordinarily wide and rich field for its province and we have usually had good luck in our selection of papers.

Once again my apologies and, at the same time, kindest regards.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
To the members of Group VI: Anglo-German Literary Relations

At the last meeting of the Association, the Advisory Committee of this group suggested that the chairman should make an effort to co-ordinate next year’s program under one general theme. It was thought that it might be fitting and fruitful to devote the discussion to "The German Contribution to the Literary Life of the Middle West".

In order to obtain the greatest possible variety of points of view and material, I am now inviting all active members of the group to offer suggestions and papers related to this general topic. It should be kept in mind that the purpose of our group makes it advisable to confine the discussion specifically to literary subjects as distinct from those of a generally cultural, historical or sociological nature.

While complete manuscripts need not be submitted at present, it is nevertheless desirable that an outline of each paper be given and that the scope and length of each paper be clearly indicated.

All communications should be in the hands of the chairman at the earliest possible date.

Victor Lange
Chairman
GERMAN V.

Modern German Literature.

This list is composed of topics of research reported to the editors of Work in Progress by members of the MLA. It is thus limited to research being done by MLA members and not already printed in Work in Progress. This list covers the research for German V. A complete list covering all groups is placed at the registration desk. The purpose of distributing these lists is to make it possible for individuals attending the meetings to have personal discussions with others of similar interests. Additions to the list for German V should be reported to D.W. Schumann (Brown University, Providence, R.I.)

BARNSTORFF, Hermann (Missouri). Verse epics in modern German literature.

COHN, Fritz L. (California, Ext.Div.). Bibliography of German-French comparative literature since 1900.

HUNTINGTON, Christopher (Harvard). Catholic literature in German, 1887-1914.


PINTHUS, Kurt (Columbia). The image of America in modern German literature.

WEISERT, John J. (Columbia). Dream psychology in the works of Gerhart Hauptmann.

GRONICKA, Andre von (Chicago). Henry von Heiseler, a German-Slavic poet.

ULMER, Bernhard (Princeton). Thomas Mann und die Medizin.

FLEISSNER, O.S. (Wells C). Einfluss der bildenden Kunst auf die Entwicklung R.M. Rilkes.


SPANN, Meno (Iowa). The work of Thomas Mann.


WEIGAND, Hermann J. (Yale). The sources of Hauptmann's Florian Geyer.
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Dear Professor Lange:

May I apply for your kind help as secretary of COMPARATIVE LITERATURE VI: ANGLO-GERMAN LITERARY RELATIONS?

On March 26, I wrote to the chairman of the group, Professor G. Harrison Orians of the University of Toledo, offering him a paper on "The Fighting Temeraire (William Turner - Henry Newbolt - Detlev von Liliencron)". Since I did not hear from him at all, I addressed myself to him a second time on May 4, enclosing a copy of my manuscript for inspection. I also added a self-addressed, stamped envelope for returning my paper, after he had finished his inspection. But this second letter so far has also gone unanswered.

On June 6 I also wrote to Professor J. C. Flammenkamp, the chairman of your program committee. He immediately wrote to Professor Orians, but he did not hear from him either. I then tried to reach Professor Orians through the secretary of the MLA, Professor Bradley. But all these efforts proved of no avail.

Could you possibly find out what seems to be the trouble and could you advise me what to do. My paper is completely finished and, in my judgment, it has a good chance for reading or for publication. Naturally I am very anxious to have some answer from the Group before I take another step. If Professor Odans should be sick or away for the summer, I would be perfectly willing to wait for his decision - but, after all, I would like to have some kind of an answer.

Very sincerely yours,

ERNST ROSE
Professor Victor Lange, Chairman,
Department of German,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, N. Y.

Dear Professor Lange:

It is my pleasure, as Chairman of the Nominating Committee of German Group V, to call upon you for advice in matters of appointing the two officers of Group V for the next year. I am enclosing a list of "chairmen" and "secretaries" for the past nineteen years. May I solicit your suggestions as soon as you have surveyed the past representatives and the future prospects in our field? At any rate, the future chairman should be from the West, where the next meeting will be held. My personal feeling is that during the last years the East has been represented too much, perhaps unavoidably so, and I therefore propose that we also select a Westerner as secretary. Under these circumstances I suggest that we nominate one of the following as chairman: Norbert Fuerst (University of Wisconsin), Bernhard Blume (Ohio State), Frank Wood (Tulane University), and one of the following as secretary: Franz Meutner (Ohio Wesleyan), Hans W. Rosenhaupt (Colorado College), Fritz K. Richter (Illinois Institute of Technology).

We also have to select one new member to our committee to serve after my exit. Now the suggestion has been made that the retiring chairman of the Group become automatically the new member of the committee. This would add to the continuity of the group policy, and it would also be practical, as the chairman of the past year has seen all the papers offered, and not only the few that have been accepted. On the other hand, such a regulation would tend to concentrate the power of the group in a few hands, and this would not be desirable, especially in such a changing field as ours. Perhaps we ought to have as many participants in the Group's business as possible, and we ought to give a chance to many people. Perhaps we already have tradition enough, with each member of the nominating committee serving for three years, first as junior member, then as senior member, then as chairman. However, I feel it to be my duty to lay the new suggestion before you.
In the past, the new member of the nominating committee has been selected by the committee itself, and if you want to abide by that old regulation, I propose the addition of one of the following to the Nominating Committee: Detlev W. Schumann (Brown University), Erich Hofacker (Washington University), Ruth Hofricher (Vassar College). At any rate, the new chairman for 1947 will be Victor Lange, and the new chairman for 1948 will be B. Q. Morgan.

I am writing a similar letter to Professor Morgan. The matter ought to be settled fairly soon, since the report should be in the hands of Professor Ada Klett by November 1.

If you should find it possible to consider this matter carefully without infringing upon your time, I should greatly appreciate an early reply. Any suggestions that you will make, will be very welcome. I understand especially that our committee is privileged to express recommendations as to a special topic to be discussed during the proceedings of Group V in 1947, and if you have any suggestions in that direction, please do not hesitate to make them.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,

Ernst Rose.
September 27, 1946

Professor Victor Lange, Chairman
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Dear Professor Lange:

The Nominating Committee of German Group V has agreed on the nomination of Norbert Fuerst (University of Wisconsin) for the chairmanship (two votes for him as first choice, one as second choice) and on the nomination of Fritz K. Richter (Illinois Institute of Technology) for the secretariat (two votes for him as the first choice, and one as the third choice).

There is not much enthusiasm for the idea of the chairman moving into the Nominating Committee. I, myself, feel hesitant about it, and Professor Morgan writes: "I personally like the idea of having the chairman move into the Nominating Committee, though I should not go to bat for it. It seems to me that the danger of a "closed corporation" could be met by setting up some sort of rotation whereby the chairmanship would be bound to move about the country, and that at least three names should be put up for nomination each year." The rotation is definitely understood, as I know from my past year's experience with the Committee, and I do not think that we will have to stress that again. But, I am willing to put up more than one state for the nomination each year. The only objections I can foresee are; that it is not done in other groups, and that it would be impractical in a group as small as ours. I wonder how you feel about it.

In any case, for the next year we better select the new member for the Nominating Committee. The choice seems to be Erich Hofacker (Washington University) (One vote first place, one vote second place, no third vote) rather than Ruth Hofrichter (Vassar College) (One vote first place, two votes third place)

We all are definitely opposed to the expression of any recommendations as to a special topic for 1947.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,
Sehr geehrter Herr Lange!

Für Ihren freundlichen Bescheid vom 26./VI. danke ich Ihnen bestens und sende Ihnen anbei den Aufsatz, dessen Länge Ihnen keineswegs Recht sein würde, mich in den angeführten Briefstelten auf das unumgänglich Notwenige beschränkt.


Mit freundlichen Grüßen verbleibt

Ihr sehr ergebener