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PERSON: Helmut Coing

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF CONTENT: Documents regarding Dolf Sternberger, including a letter from Helmut Coing.

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NOTES ON THE ARCHIVAL SOURCE:

A folder containing many documents regarding Dolf Sternberger. Among them, a letter from Helmut Coing.

23rd of January, 1959. The letter is typewritten, two pages long, not numbered, but on the top of the second one there is a sort of short header with the name of Sternberger, the date and the number of the page (S. 2). Coing is thankful to Sternberger, who sent him his piece of writing on "Autorität und Freiheit". Coing completely agrees with Sternberger's opinions and ideas. In particular he thinks it's essential the connection between political freedom and recognition and social acceptance of an authority. Coing then congratulates with Sternberger for the article the latter wrote about Karl Barth and the radical wing of the Protestantism. Coing thinks, in the same way Sternberger does, that the "Politisierung der Verkündigung für den Protestantismus" is absolutely dangerous. The politicization of the Church, according to Coing, makes it lose sight of its essential spiritual duties.