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PERSON: Helmut Coing

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF CONTENT: Four letters from Helmut Coing to Dolf Sternberger.

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NOTES ON THE ARCHIVAL SOURCE:

In a folder containing many documents and letters regarding Sternberger, four letters written by Helmut Coing.

1. Deutsches Literatur Archiv, Marback am Neckar, A: Sternberger
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A letter written by Coing on 16th of May, 1956. Typewritten, one page long, there is a number, n. 904 [Tommaso Beggio: almost all the documents contained in the folder are numbered].

Coing communicates Sternberger he gave a lecture on the problems of the organization of the University in Germany, but at the same time he would like to let this text circulate within a wider audience; that's why he asks Sternberger if he could publish it in the periodical "Gegenwart", supervised by the latter.

2. Deutsches Literatur Archiv, Marback am Neckar, A: Sternberger
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Letter written by Coing on 26th of May, 1956, to Sternberger. Typewritten, one page long; there is a number, 956 [Tommaso Beggio: almost all the documents contained in the folder are numbered, but the numbers on the letters are not progressive].

Coing thanks Sternberger for his willingness to publish the manuscript on the problems of the organization of the University in Germany. He will shorten it, as Sternberger suggested in his previous reply [Tommaso Beggio: see letters from Sternberger to Coing, in the related folder, referring to the stuff of the Deutsches Literatur Archiv in Marback a.N.]. Then Coing explains he didn't know that

Sternberger hadn't been invited to the "Jubiläumsfeier für Sigmund Freud", he apologizes for the oversight.

3. Deutsches Literatur Archiv – A: Sternberger 89.10.3900/14

Letter written on 13th of December, 1984. Typewritten, a page long. There is a different handwritten date (21.12) under the typewritten one, with a signature. Coing congratulates in Fritz Thyssen Stiftung's name with Sternberger for his very interesting and engaging lecture in Munich. Coing himself states his admiration. Sternberger gave a lecture on Aristotle's conception of the State, but he was able to lead the audience to the comprehension of the modern issues regarding this topic.

4. Deutsches Literatur Archiv – A: Sternberger 89.10.3900/17

Letter written on 24th of February, 1960. Typewritten (a very short handwritten addition on the second page), two pages long, not numbered, but on the top of the second page there is a header with the name of Sternberger, the date, the address and the indication "Seite 2". In the first page there are some handwritten numbers under the date.

Coing writes that the piece of writing by Sternberger on "Autorität, Freiheit und Befehlsgewalt" is very interesting and then he deals with the content of the "Monumentum Ancyranum". In this text Augustus explained he was superior than the others with regards to his Auctoritas, but not with regards to his Potestas. This was a sort of hypocrisy, very interesting in Roman Law, that we can find out sometimes in Roman Private Law too, according to Coing. The problem regards the validity of the rule: does it depend only on the Auctoritas of the institution which issued it?

Coing considers the study of Roman Law essential under this respect, because these concepts derive from the Roman Republic.

Then Coing deals with the topic of authority more directly and with what Sternberger wrote about it; he congratulates with Sternberger for the aim to talk about such a difficult, but at the same time essential topic, connected, in particular, with the importance of the authority of the person for the democratic life.