Dear Comrade Mentzel,

After the “Atlas of German Folklore” will be completed under the leadership of Professor Dr. Harmjanz in the middle of next year, the Ahnenerbe decided to expand this atlas through additional series of maps – among others, a series of maps of the area of Transylvania will be published next summer. The scientific execution of this work, which lies in the hand of the leader of our teaching and research center for folktales, sagas and fairy tale studies, likewise lies in the hand of Comrade Harmjanz, leader of our teaching and research center for folktale, fairy tale and saga studies, is however only possible if Harmjanz as before has available the entire Atlas material which is maintained by him for the “Atlas of German Folklore”.

For this reason I feel compelled to present you, very honored Comrade Mentzel, with the request to entrust the entire atlas material of the “Atlas of German Folklore” to the Ahnenerbe as was at one time done with the material of the Central Archive of German Folktales.

The merging of the picture and tale archive and the “Atlas of German Folklore” to a single entity under the proven scientific leadership of Comrade Harmjanz in the Ahnenerbe would be an exceptional asset for the entirety of ethnological research. On the other hand the release of the Atlas material to other hands would not only render impossible the completion of the German ethnological research, but also the publication of every further map series.

As Comrade H. informed me, you have already assured him again of the relinquishment of the Atlas material. I would be extraordinarily greatly indebted to you if you would also ensure through an official confirmation the continuation of the work on the “Atlas of German Folklore”.

It is self-evident, that the German research association

Heil Hitler!