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AFSENDER

Herbert Read

MODTAGER

Vilhelm Bjerke-Petersen

FAKTA

Dokumenttype:
Brev

Sprog:
Engelsk

Generel kommentar:
Brevet drejer sig om et forord til
Vilhelm Bjerke-Petersens bogprojekt
"Vita Nova". Brevet skal ses i
forlængelse af Herbert Reads brev fra
d. 20. maj 1954, hvor samme
bogprojekt behandles. Se Herbert
Reads brev af 20. maj 1954 i denne
kildesamling.

Afsendersted:
York

Afsenderinfo (lakstempel, adresse
m.m.):
Brevhoved f.o. på
brevet: STONEGRAVE HOUSE .
STONEGRAVE . YORK
HOVINGHAM 214

Arkivplacering:
IV 77. Vilhelm Bjerke-Petersens arkiv.
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DOKUMENTINDHOLD

Svar på en forespørgsel om et forord til Vilhelm Bjerke-Petersens
bogprojekt "Vita Nova".

TRANSSKRIFTION

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Dear Mr Petersen:

It is not easy to say Yes to your simple request. Every week someone asks me for a foreword or introduction, and the difficulty is not so much to find time for such things, but the fact that the currency of one's name becomes debased. I decided some years ago to stop (it is so invidious to make a choice), and though I have occasionally relented, it has always been a mistake. If my poor words can help your book, your publisher may quote them in his advertisements. But the book itself is the author's, and he needs no curtain-raiser.

That, at any rate, is how I feel about it. If you feel differently, you might still be able to convince me. In any case, the book has my good wishes.

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