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Hello Gerhard: Thank you for sending the information about the Congress and photo Gallery. I was particularly happy to see the photo views of the seating layout from above. I remember when we walked into the room how we both envisaged changing it to make it more mediation friendly. It felt like it worked when I was there, and the photos strongly confirmed that feeling.

I am glad the Congress went well for you. If I contributed in any way, I am glad to have done so. What was most impressive to me was to see the vibrancy of the mediation movement that has developed there in these ten years. You must be pleased with that and should also be proud because of your central role. The Congress was a tribute to that development, and to you. One of the things I intended to convey was how culture specific the development of mediation is. Being there confirmed my feeling that mediation and the associated conflict resolution practices are developing there in their own special way. And it was good to hear how some of the impulse, and ideas and language that were so much a part of what Gary and I tried to teach are in fact a strong part of the sense of mediation there.

Having been there, I now also have a better feeling for where things are in Austria and where they might develop. I also have some better sense of the challenges and what might be useful in the development of business mediation there. Perhaps we will have a chance to talk about that some day; although if my ideas are any good, they will likely come to pass without my ever having to say anything. (I kept my notes from the speech with the thought of someday writing up the talk and putting in some of the things I had wanted to say but did not, and some of the points which only became clearer in hindsight. But I know that with all I always have to do, this good intention may not become a reality.)

We will continue to work together, whether explicitly or implicitly. And I look forward to doing so.

Best wishes, Jack