

GOOD MORNING June 6  
Prof. Octave Levenspiel 1991

HAPPY RETIREMENT!  
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21 May, 1991

Professor Octave Levenspiel,  
c/o Bekki Levien,  
416 NW12th Street,  
Corvallis,  
Oregon 97330,  
U.S.A.

Dear Octave,

### **Congratulations!**

I am delighted to be able to join in the wishes of goodwill you will be receiving on your retirement. No doubt you will regard it as yet another point to be passed. However, not only will OSU be the poorer from you having reached this time but chemical engineering will also.

Thank you for kindness in the past. I hope that the reaction engineering and teaching community will continue to see you from time to time. I am sure your life will continue to be busy but that it will always be stimulating.

Best wishes to you and your family.

Yours sincerely,



Colin McGreavy

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Professor Octave Levenspiel

Dear Octave,

I am not yet retiring - apart, that is, by disposition - but my memory is not what once it was and the decorators took over my office too.

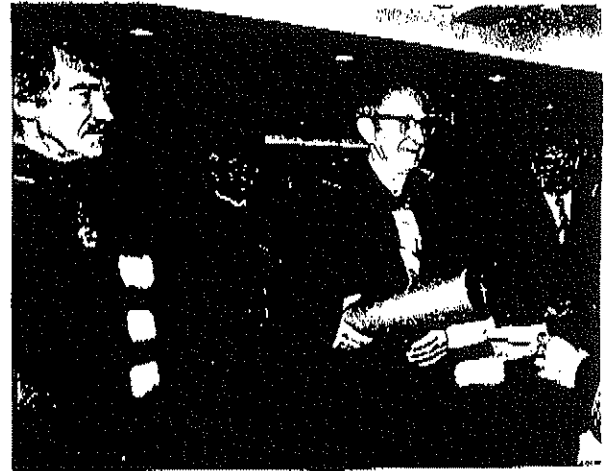
On the principle of better late than never I would offer my belated greetings and all good wishes. I hope Saturday's party was both a surprise and a great success.

Yours sincerely

John Bestoril ✓

# BEST WISHES FROM NANCY

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OCTAVE !

6<sup>th</sup> OF JUNE IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY  
LANDING OF ALLIED FORCES IN FRANCE IN 1944

AND THIS IS THE DAY YOU CHOOSE TO  
DESERT FROM TEACHING !!!

WE ARE MISSING OUR DOCTOR HONORIS CAUSA

I HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON IN NANCY

WARMEST REGARDS ✓

JACQUES



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Prof. Octave Levenspiel  
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Dear Octave,

Once again my best wishes for your retirement from official teaching career with my sincere hope that you continue with both teaching and research for many more years. I enjoy every paper and every book you write and there are only very few people in the chemical engineering world which can do it so brilliantly.

I am enclosing my paper on names and symbols of quantities used in chemical engineering. I would be glad to have your comments about the ideas if you have time to read it through.

With best wishes to Mary Jo and to you,

yours sincerely,

*Peter*

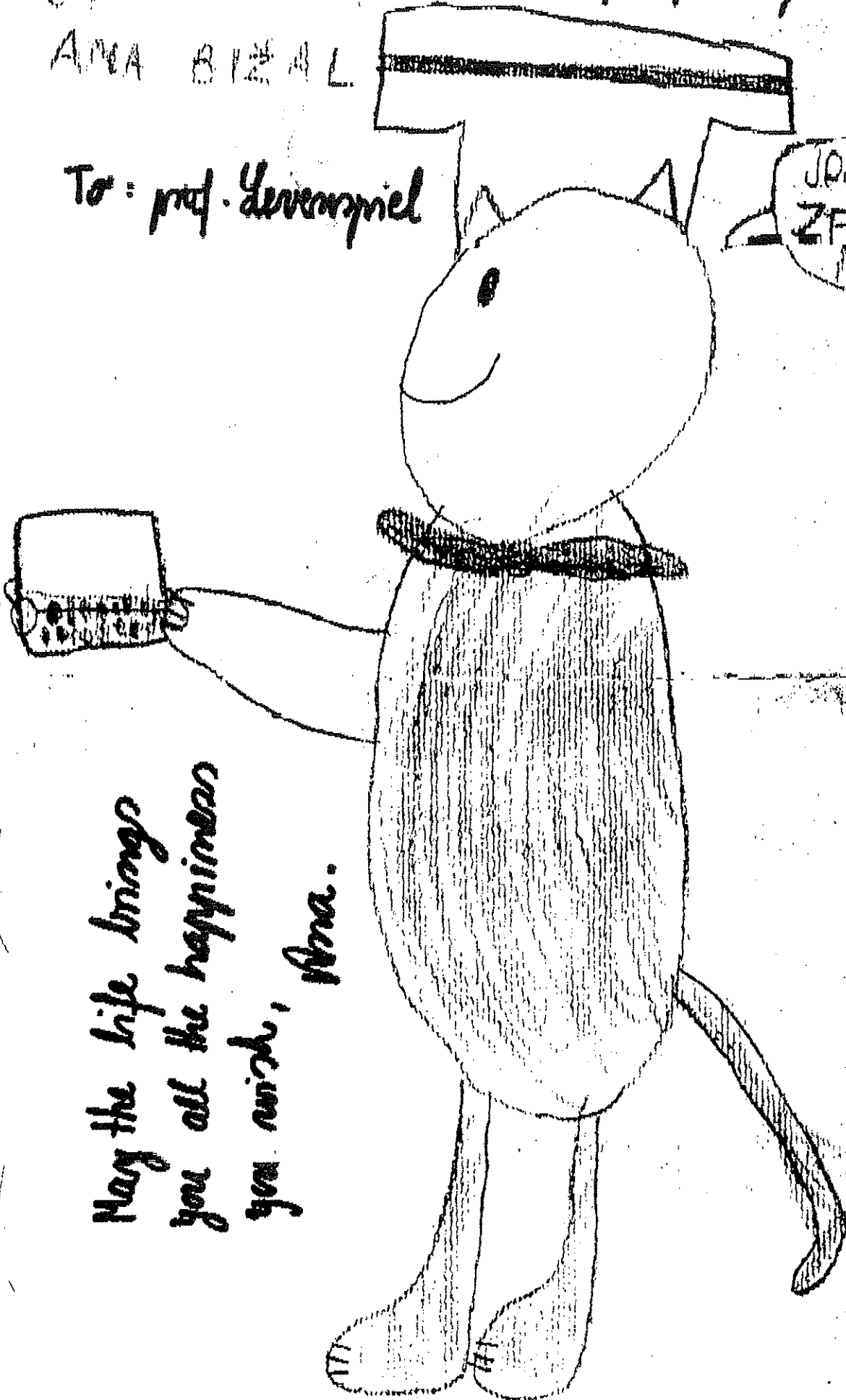


Spiljama, 6. 6. 1991

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AMA BILIAL

To: prof. Gevorgjmel

JOU KAPOJE GA  
ZF IN ED  
WA



May the life brings  
you all the happiness  
you wish, Ama.

My daughter's  
first impression  
on the CAT IN  
THE HAT.  
I kept it safely





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MESSAGE / MITTEILUNGEN :

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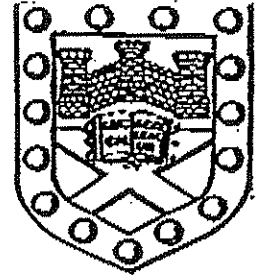
Best wishes to your celebration. The  
joke about retiring is very good but  
not acceptable for the world CIE  
team (except as an administrative act).  
I hope you continue with your work  
many more years! Have a nice party  
tomorrow and a lot of greetings to  
New-Jac, yours truly Peter.



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DATE: 6 June, 1991

TO (COMPANY): Oregon State University, Corvallis

ATTENTION OF: Octave Levenspiel

FROM: J.C.R. and M.A.T.

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You have three more weeks to go,  
Octave, and if you put in a late spurt, you  
can really foul things up.

We shall be over ere long to inspect  
the damage

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Dear Octave,

A l'issue d'une carrière exceptionnelle et exemplaire à tous égards, j'ai le plaisir de vous souhaiter une heureuse et, je n'en doute pas, féconde retraite.

Durant 40 ans vous avez été pour la communauté scientifique internationale un exemple et un modèle. Votre compétence, votre originalité de pensée, votre humour ont été pour tous un enrichissement dont il convient de vous remercier.

Maintenant que vous aurez davantage de loisirs peut-être voyagerez-vous en Europe ? Personnellement je serai toujours très heureux de vous revoir à cette occasion et de vous recevoir chez moi quand il vous plaira. Considérez ceci comme une invitation permanente.

Venez vite nous voir et surtout ne changez pas !

PROFESSEUR H. ROQUES

  
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Dear Octave,

It has been a long time since we have had any direct correspondence. I have, of course, remembered you on several occasions.

I have changed my research interests to a great extent. Right now, I have a fairly intensive programme on cationic ion-exchange resin catalysed processes and exploitation of reactions, in a selective way, for separation of close boiling isomeric/non-isomeric mixtures and some papers have appeared in Ind. Eng. Chem. Res. and Reactive Polymers.

I have come to know from a source that you are retiring from teaching career in OSU. May I, on this occasion, place on record my most sincere appreciation of so much you have done in Chem. Eng. Education and research? I wish you even more "active" life and I trust that generation of tough and nutty problems will get a fillip.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely, *Shame*

*Octave*

*Life has been pretty hectic  
breakout of the Indian National Science Academy*



Naples, June 6, 1991

Prof. Octave Levenspiel  
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Ottavio, sei tutti noi !

Auguri

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Dear Javy,

I thank you indeed for your kind association since I met you in Cincinnati.

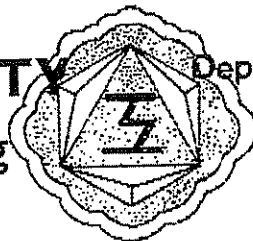
Please relax from now on, and let us enjoy the valuable free time after our retirement.

How about to get together in Broadbeach next May?

Sincerely yours,

Daijo Kunii

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June 6, 1991

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Dear Professor Octave

Congratulation of happy retirement!!

When I was in graduate student of Tokyo Institute of Technology, I read "Chemical Reaction Engineering" as the text book of our seminar in 1961.

This was the first book of Chemical Reaction Engineering which I read.

To designing the reactor, I learned from this book, it is important not only to investigate reaction kinetics, but also to investigate fluid flow model in the reactor.

After I became a scholar, we met each other very often in the international conference (fluidization, chemical reaction engineering, world congress for Chem. Eng.).

To years ago, I visited OSC with Mr. Sakauchi (my old student of Gunma Univ.). You introduced campus of very nice OSC and explained your research subjects.

I hope everything is quite well for you and your family in future.

Sincerely Yours

*Kunio Kato*

Kunio Kato  
Professor

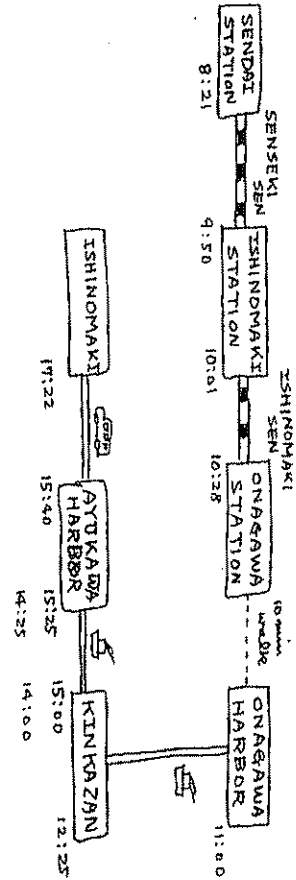
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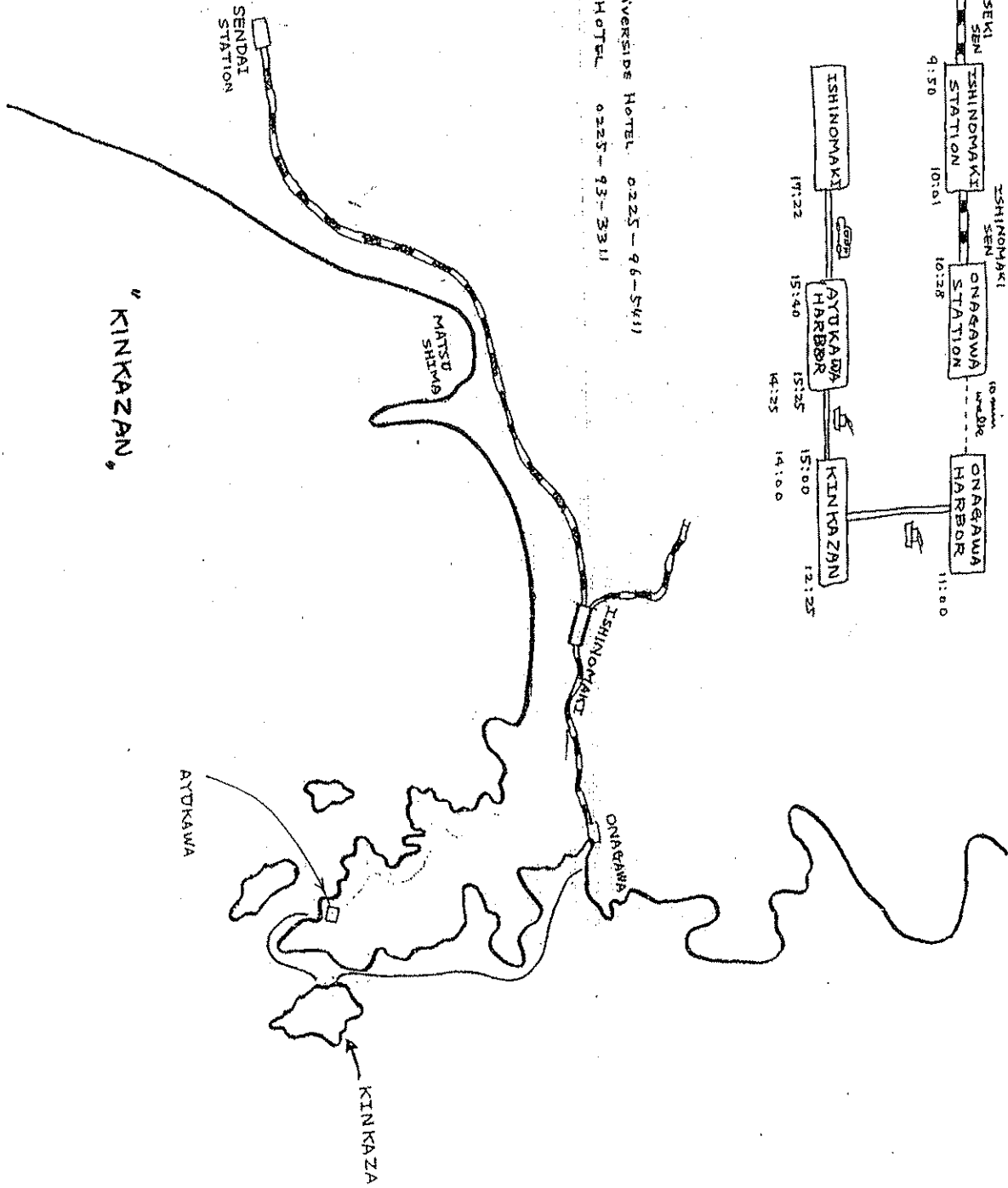
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Happy Retirement!



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Professor Octave Levenspiel  
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Congratulations for your happy retirement!

Everyone knows your great contribution to  
chemical engineering. Particularly, I learned a  
lot from your excellent books, such as  
"Chemical Reaction Engineering" and  
"Fluidization Engineering".

I hope I will see you again someday, and also  
hope you will enjoy a happy and healthy life  
for long.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shintaro Furusaki".

Shintaro Furusaki  
Professor  
University of Tokyo

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Dear Octave,



On the occasion of your retiring from your teaching career at Oregon University I wish you happiness and good health for the future and I hope that you are not going to live such a quiet life that we will not see you in Groningen in the future.

Your friends,

*Leon*  
Renee and León Janssen

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Prof.dr. O. Levenspiel  
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Groningen, June 7 1991

Dear Octave,

Of course you are aware that the origin of chemical reaction engineering in the history of science and technology will be associated with "Levenspiel". But what you probably haven't realized yet is that somewhere in the next century science historians might spot a second acceleration in the advancement of chemical reaction engineering science from June 1991 onwards. This may happen if you are going to spent most of your free time towards developing innovative new reaction engineering concepts. But you deserve better!

As you know, Leonardi da Vinci is more important to mankind than Einstein. Sure the latter discovered the more spectacular laws! But these would have been discovered anyway, if not within a decade then certainly within a century. And what is a century in the history of mankind? But let's return to Leonardo. Without him, neither we nor any future generation would have had the opportunity to enjoy the Mona Lisa. Therefore, the remaining challenge for you probably is in the arts now!

I hope to meet you again, may be at the start of the trail to Klondike or what else you have in the Far West (thanks for extensive information). Meanwhile I wish you and Mary Jo happy and healthy decades ahead and be sure you are always welcome in Groningen.

Also on behalf of Bernh rdine,

  
Ion Beesackers

P.S.: Enclosed is information on the largest pump of the world ever built. It is in dutch but you will manage to extract the essential data from it.

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Dear Octave and Mary Jo,



On June 30th, 1991, Octave will retire from his teaching career at Oregon State University. Today and the coming days you will commemorate this together with family, relatives and friends.

Anneke, the children and I wish you very nice days. We all hope that you will now have plenty of time for, amongst other things, to visit Europe again in the coming years. This would be great. You are always very welcome.

We wish you together a healthy future.

Best regards, also to Mary Jo and the children,

*Eize*

Eize and Anneke Stamhuis



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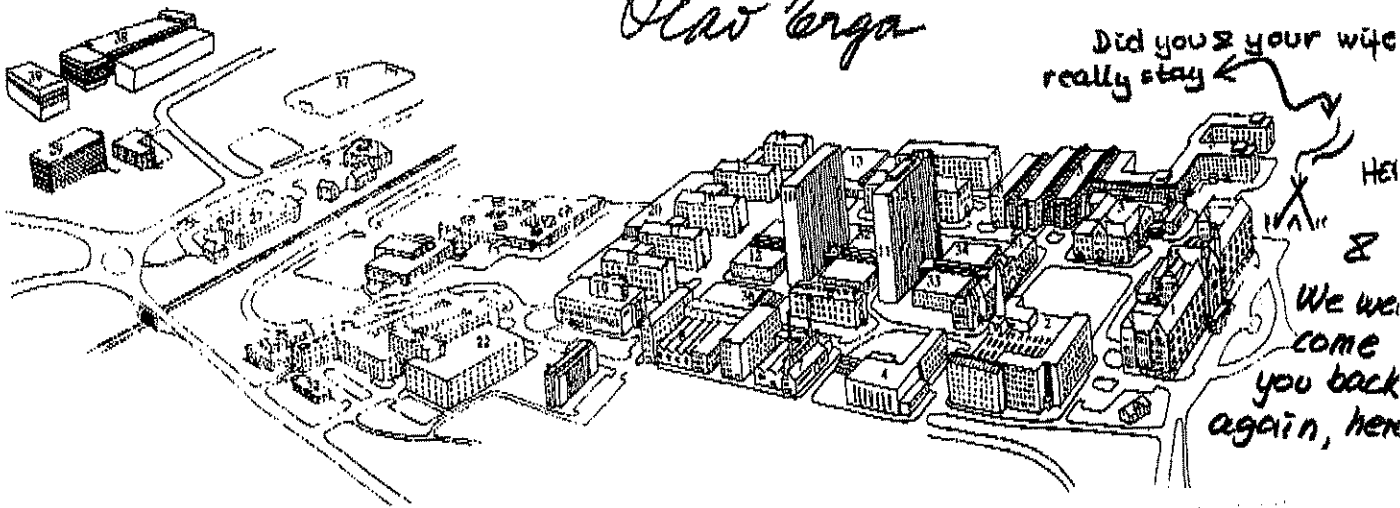
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*Greetings to Octave from friends and colleagues at NTH !*

*Olav Erga*



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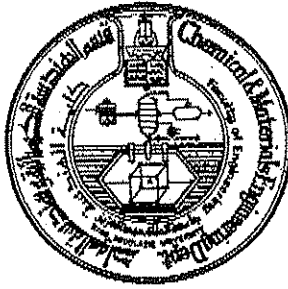
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Dear Dr. Octave Levenspiel:

I wish you a very happy retirement. I think it is about time that you take some time for yourself. I'm sure you will be as productive as before. I would like to thank you on-behalf of all chemical engineers in Saudi Arabia for the great contributions you have made to the chemical engineering profession. Good luck in your new life and my best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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DEAR DR. SEVSS OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING,

CONGRATULATIONS FOR YOUR "RETIREMENT"

I HOPE THAT YOU WORK LESS TIME,

DO YOU WANT TO COME TO CANARY ISLANDS

TO GO "SURFING"? THIS IS A PARADISE

AND IF YOU WANT TO WRITE A NEW

BOOK, OUR BEACHES ARE PERFECT FOR  
THIS WORK.

THANK YOU, VERY MUCH FOR THE "TRAINING"

THAT YOU GAVE ME IN THE LAST TWO

YEAR, I LEARNT MOST IN TWO YEARS

WITH YOU THAT 10 YEARS IN SPAIN.

OCTAVE, PROBABLE I WILL SEE YOU

IN THE NEXT AICHE MEETING IN

L.A.

GOOD LUCK

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

TRY TO ENJOY THE LIFE

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To: Prof. Dr. Otfere LEVENSPIEL

FAX 503-737-3546

Estimado Prof. Levenspiel:

He mis cordial y sincera enhorabuena  
por "your retiring of his teaching career"...

He unido a la "commemoration" y le  
envío este FAX escrito a mano recordando  
los tiempos de la traducción del OMNILIBRO.

Editorial Remarté está a punto de  
editar por fin la traducción del "Eng. Flow  
and Heat Exchange". Cuando esté ya le envío  
unos ejemplar rápidamente.

"Best regards"  
"Sincerely".





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TEXTO / TEXT: My dear maestro:

You know that I learnt CRE in the sixties with your book. More important, I think I learnt from you your ideas, feelings, approaches and thoughts.

Since 1969 I have spread in Spain these thoughts to more of 500 Chemical Engineers now. And <sup>now</sup> in this country there are at least 1500 Levenspiels.

You can be happy with yourself (and with your very nice wife!).

Thus, In this day please receive from me (and from Sweden) by best feelings and many other things I'm not able to say in English.

Your disciple and friend  
José Corella

(Who has just seen 5 min ago to M. Gorbachov in this <sup>Grand</sup> Hotel" (13 hr!!))

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June, 6<sup>th</sup>, 1991

Dear Octave,

I am very sorry for not being able to be with you this day.

Octave, I thank you very much all your help and teaching during my two visits to Oregon. I think you are a very extraordinary person, very kind and very good Professor, and you will always be remembered in the history of Chemical Engineering for your very important contributions.

I have learned so much from you that really changed my way of thinking and my professional orientation. I will remember you very much. Thank you!

Octave, I wish you the best in your new situation!

Best regards also from my wife Rosa

Eladio J. maldonado

Belgrade 6.6.1991.

Dear Octave,

Congratulations !!!!

Your colleagues and former students from Yugoslavia are always proud of knowing you and working with you. We wish you many more happy and productive years.



With love from Belgrade

*Jovan & Maja*



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Salamanca, June, 6, 1991

DEAR OCTAVE:

I HAVE HEARD ABOUT YOU ARE RETIRING TO  
DAY. IN THIS DAY, GOOD-BAD?, I WOULD LIKE TO  
EXPRESS ALL MY RESPECT AND CONSIDERATION FOR  
YOUR CONTRIBUTION IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING,....  
AND ALSO FOR YOUR LIFE STYLE. CONGRATULATIONS !!!

WITH MY BEST WISHES FOR YOU AND ALL YOUR  
FAMILY.

SINCERELY YOURS,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miguel A. Galan', written over a horizontal line.

M. A. GALAN

✓



OCTAVE

GREETINGS FROM CAMBRIDGE

from

John & Susanne Davidson

May your retirement be cloudless

See you & Mary Jo in Australia May 1992 ??

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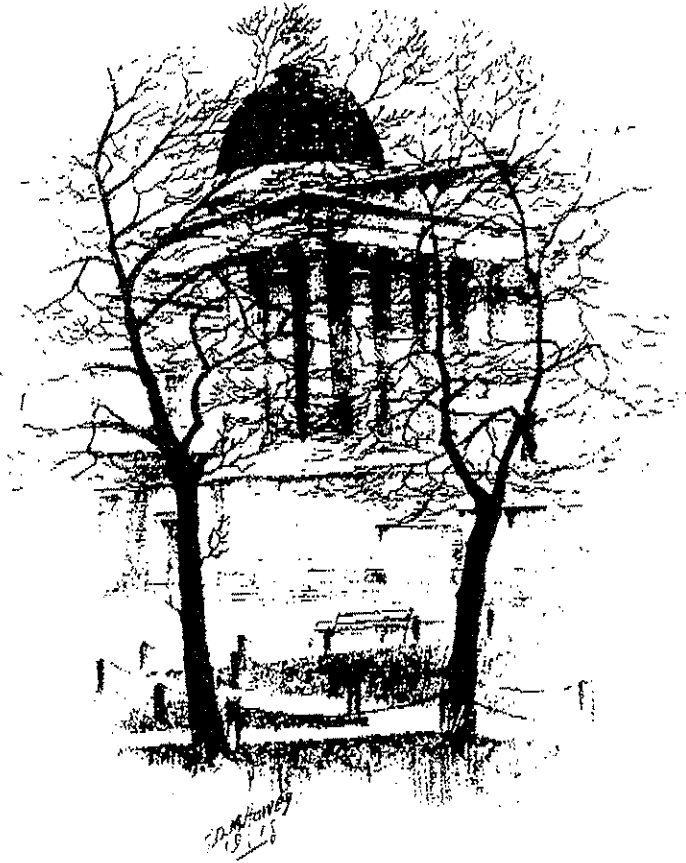
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Thursday 6th June 1991

for: Octave Levenspiel



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Dear Octave,

The Oxford English Dictionary devotes more than three of its large pages to the word "WAKE". Definitions include :

- state of wakefulness
  - abstinence from sleep
  - the watching, especially by night, of relatives and friends beside the body of a dead person - - -
  - a serenade, a nocturnal song
  - a hole or opening in ice
  - track left on the water's surface by a ship
  - disturbance caused by a body swimming or moving in water
  - air current behind a body in flight
  - a course or line of direction a ship has taken
- but nothing about particles behind bubbles in fluidised beds.

However, I do find :

-the vigil or a festival, the local annual festival of an English (now chiefly rural) parish - - - observed as an occasion for making holiday, entertainment of friends and often for village sports, dancing and other amusements.

In this last sense, have a happy wake today which I hope like all good English (and, especially, Irish) wakes, will continue for days.

I can wish you no greater benefit than that you will enjoy retirement as much as I have (still am!).

All very good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

P. Rowe



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Dear Octave,

I know I am somewhat late in joining the family, friends and colleagues who wanted to commemorate your retirement as a teacher from Oregon State. As always, I was traveling too much.

Anyway, here are a few words to tell you how much I enjoyed our friendship that goes back to the days at Evanston. I can still see you arriving at our home with your minibus and the kids jumping from it in their Dutch wooden blocks ...

I am sure you will continue being active in Chemical Engineering, contributing with youthful and innovative ideas to its progress. I am sure also you will enjoy even more beautiful Oregon. I know I should take a couple of days off to come and see you there... And if you have any time left between all your future activities, come to see me in Gent.

With best regards.



G. F. FROMENT.

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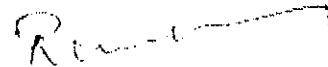
Cher Octave,

C'est pour moi un grand plaisir d'être associé à votre jubilé.

Je me souviens avec émotion de nos passionnantes discussions scientifiques, de votre accueil chaleureux à Otter Rock et à Corvallis, de notre promenade sur les grèves du Pacifique.

Je vous envoie, ainsi qu'à Mary-Jo et tous les membres de votre famille notre meilleur souvenir.

J'espère que vous profiterez de vos nouveaux loisirs pour faire étape chez nous en Belgique.



René JOTTRAND

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MESSAGE

Your retirement from teaching is a momentous disaster.  
Who will now bring tidings to OSU students about the virtues of  
polywater, the Battle of Trafalgar, cold fusion, shrinking corpses  
and ~~fluidized~~ Toyotas? Greetings to yourself and to Mary Jo.  
Don't wear out Otter Rock.

Norman





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Concepción, Chile, June 6, 1991.

Professor  
 Octave Levenspiel  
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Dear "Octavio":

Heard about this "FAX-IN" party and I am happy to participate if I can get through the probably flooded Fax machine. I presume there will be, and I am sorry will not be able to attend, incoming parties, roasts and so on that should be far more heartier than the fax party itself.

We certainly hope that retirement will just mean a divergence from usual activities to other challenges and, above all, amusements. In this regard, we hope you will find the time to accept a new invitation to visit down here.

Let us see if we may devise a relaxed stay with some out of stream seminars and teaching. Perhaps addressed to rather crazier technological and particularly ChemEng ideas to which you have a well founded reputation of fondness. If successful it could lay the basis for establishing something like a "Society for unworkable problems and unassailable research", a much needed group to properly feed the Journal of Irreproducible Results.

Your long, lively and fruitful career has been great for Chemical Engineering, hence for each of us. Let me tell you once more how much we enjoyed your visit to Concepción. Our students do, and will benefit from your books. We all thank you.

We wish you, friends and family a nice string of parties and festivities for the coming weeks. Please.. keep in touch!

Best regards,

  
 Alfredo L. Gordon

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Prof. Levenspiel:

Congratulations

on your

Retirement!

Lii-ping Leu

June 6, 1991

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祝賀

榮退

生 呂理平  
Leu

June 6, 1991

四 川 大 学

Sichuan University, Chengdu, Sichuan, China

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May 29th 1991

Miss Bekki Levien  
Prof. Keith Levien  
416 NW 12th Street  
Corvallis, Oregon 973300  
U. S. A.

Dear Miss Bekki Levien ::  
Prof. Keith Levien ::

How are you?

I was very happy to have received your letter, three days later I also received a letter from Prof. Octave Levenspiel, he told me that he will retired in this June, I wrote a letter to him immediately, maybe he would receive it in the end of this month.

Of course, according to your request I have kept the 'Fax-in' congratulation plans from Prof. Octave Levenspiel.

Here I wrote a public letter to Prof. O. Levenspiel, Please you read it in front of all the relatives, Friends and colleagues of Prof. O. Levenspiel in the 'Fax-in' day, in the meantime please you present the picture of brilliant flowers to Prof. O. Levenspiel, it means all the students cultivated by Prof. O. Levenspiel like the seeds scattered in the soil all over the world, have blossomed from the shoot, it also means the road Prof. O. Levenspiel had passed through is full of brilliant flowers.

By dint of the time is not enough for me to prepare to go to Corvallis to attend the surprise party, so I wrote this letter to you.

I am looking forward to hear how the 'Fax-in' day is going on in June 6, 7 and 8, 1991 from you.

With the best wishes and warm regards.

Sincerely Yours  
Shan-Drang dan  
Suau-Drang Hau  
Associate professor of  
Chemistry department,  
Sichuan University, PRC.

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Sichuan University, Chengdu, Sichuan, China

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CONGRATULATE THE MOST HONOURABLE  
WORLD-FAMOUS PROFESSOR OCTAVE  
LEVENSPIEL ON YOUR RETIRING.

Dear prof. O. Levenspiel you have made the most valuable contributions to the mankind of the world, you are the ancestor of CRE, your achievements are recognized by all the scientists and engineers in the world, you set up the milestone of the development of Chemical engineering.

The past road you have passed through is a way full of resplendent flowers of which CRE is the honey.

Dear honourable professor, I hope you keep healthy and long-live forever!

Your student

*Shan-Drang Hau*  
Shan-Drang Hau

miles away far apart from  
you in a corner of another  
continent on the earth.





Dear Dr. Octave Levenspiel,

We hear that you are going to retire from your teaching career. After so many days & nights working on teaching & studying and making great contributions to chemical engineering, you must feel quite released. On such a special occasion, please accept our warm congratulation.

How could you imagine that hundreds of Chinese engineers and scientists have gained a lot from your distinguished textbooks and papers and got familiar with chemical reaction engineering. We also think highly of your vast knowledge and greatly appreciate your advices.

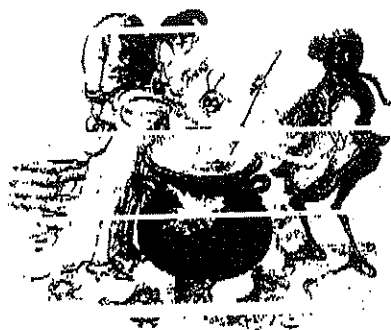
It is a privilege for us to have you as one of members of academic committee of our National Lab of Biochemical Engineering. It will be a great joy that we could share your academic ideas & experiences in future.

May lasting happiness and joy be yours forever.

Yours sincerely,

Fan Ouyang (Director of National Lab of Bio-chemical Eng.)

Zhuan Cao (Deputy of National Lab of Bio-chemical Eng. a professor from Tsinghua University) ✓



June 6, 1991

Dear Octave,

As the date of your retirement from your teaching career at Oregon State University is drawing near, the first words I would like to speak to you are: being one of your pupils as well as friends has been, and remains for ever, my pride. You do deserve a Chinese saying "Peaches and plums are everywhere all over the world", a tribute devoted to teachers who have had a successful and fruitful career. Since you will have more time to spare after your retirement, I will always be prepared for the days when you visit China and my family are expecting to offer you and your wife warm reception at our home in Taiyuan in the near future.

Best regards to you and your family.

Sincerely yours,

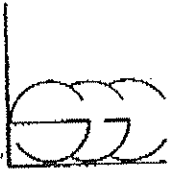
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*Dear Octave,*

*If you have really decided to retire from  
O.S.U. (which I doubt), maybe we have  
a slight chance to see you around  
in Nancy more often, and for longer  
periods.*

*We all love you here.*

*Daniel Tondeur*

PROFESSOR OCTAVE LEVENSPIEL  
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DEAR PROFESSOR LEVENSPIEL:

I HAVE HEARD THAT YOU WILL RETIRE AT THE END OF A PRODUCTIVE AND FINE  
CAREER AS A CHEMICAL ENGINEERING TEACHER.

I WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THE BEST FOR THIS NEW STAGE.

*D. Marqués*

DARDO MARQUÉS  
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Dear Octave,

Belated as usual, and also regret not being able to attend your surprise party.

Best wishes from myself and from Monash on your retirement, even if we don't believe it is anything other than a pseudo-effort!

Why no registration for Fluidization VII? Get cracking.

Good health and many years.

Owen E. Potter

PS Retired Dec '90

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**MESSAGE**

OCTAVE

AUSTRALIA IS GRATEFUL FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR THE  
PROFESSION AND WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE HAD A LITTLE  
MORE THAN OUR FAIR SHARE OF YOU.

BEST WISHES

DON NICKLIN



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**OCTAVE LEVENSPIEL**



**WARMEST WISHES ON YOUR RETIREMENT  
FROM ALL YOUR FRIENDS  
AT SYDNEY UNIVERSITY**

**DO COME BACK AND VISIT US  
IF NOT AS  
THE RADICAL REVOLUTIONARY  
THEN AS  
THE GRAND OLD MAN OF REACTION ENGINEERING**

*Rolf Prince*

7th June, 1991

Dear Tavy,

We heard you were taking time out to complete the missing chapters of the Omnibook.

Don't forget to mention Texas-size baths and the blasted furnaces.

Looking forward to receiving the first complimentary copy soon.

Nick and Marcia.



June 6th, D-day, Omaha Beach, and all that, Navy fax day!  
How auspicious.

Congratulations on attaining your official retirement. We all know you too well however. Probably you have developed outlines for several more books - and we shall all benefit thereby. You have contributed so much and made for us, and our students so much fun of what otherwise could have been mundane applied maths.

But are you ready physically for retirement? I have now been retired for 13 years and am so active that I cannot accept your family's kind invitation to join you on Saturday. I would have liked to see the beach house again and spend a happy hour at Moe's (?) talking with Erickson. But maybe, who knows? We will soon launch our ocean-going yacht. But your coast is so formidable, cold water, rocks and even Depot Bay is no refuge.

Malcolm is retired and overseas (as usual). George and I severed our relationship with the firm we worked with. We have moved again, to Avalon Beach - not far from George. We have spare beds if you can come to Sydney again. We would be delighted to see you and Mary Jo.

Irene also sends best wishes to you both.

John Ratcliffe  
O.N.S.W., Australia