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To the attention of Prof.Dr.h.c.Gernot Wilhelm

Dear Professor,

Dr.Christina Althen communicated to me your letter announcing the ceremony for the award of the Alfred Döblin-Medaille to Martin Kordic.

I am no one....in the cultural world! My only reference to write to you is being the youngest (now in my 89th year), and only remaining living son of Alfred Döblin.

Thru this letter I modestly and sincerely wish to compliment the Akademie to have created this prize. I associate in this appreciation the heirs of Professor Martz who have made this prize possible. You and the members of the Akademie know better than I how keen my father had been to give a "boost" to new authors.

I am also very grateful for this Medaille, whose name will be a reminder that in the beginning of the 20th century lived a writer, Alfred Döblin, which so few still know today.

Very respectfully yours

Stephan Döblin