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Dear Heini,

I apologize for writing in English but I do it on secretarial grounds as well as to make my letter better eligible than if I would write by hand in German.

Thank you very much for your letter of 24 September, 1976 and I will try to answer your questions systematically.

I realize now that you would want to go with two cars from Nairobi via Tanzania and Burundi to Zaire, in order to make the Ruwenzori from the West side.

I do hope that you will succeed with Daimler Banz in Stuttgart securing cars, or with British Leyland. I don't see any difficulties in hiring cars from Nairobi as long as you are not travelling through Uganda.

As far as Zaire is concerned I think it would'nt be difficult if you would take up the matter with King Leopold of Belgium himself in Brussels. This may be particularly necessary since the border area of Zaire to Tanzania and Burundi is a sensitive one - I am referring to an incident which happened not long ago with the members of the Chimpanzee Research Project - which coursed political complications. No problems should be faced as far as Tanzania and Burundi is concerned.

Talking about Visas, you will have to obtain them for Kenya, Tanzania and Burundi. In the case of Zaire, I would not know. It would be nice if you could in the course of your correspondence with NUR, mention my name and address (Unesco, P.O. Box 30592, Nairobi) so that I can contact them and that I may be of further help to your group.

My wife and I are very much looking forward to have you and Carina here in Kenya as well as to see Axel Thorer with Ute and baby here on our home-grounds.

Professor Heinrich Harrer,
Schwarzsee,
KITZBUHEL
Austria.

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Professor Harrer,

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I presume that still a few letters may come forth and back and please do not hesitate to write when ever you feel that you have any querries which I may be able to resolve.

With all our best and warm regards from my wife, children and myself to you and to your wife.

Yours sincerely,



V.P. Kahr

P.S. I wonder if you would have time for a lecture in Nairobi, the audience and forum to be determined later. I could imagine that you may bring a few copies of "Seven Years in Tibet" for friends of mine who are really interested in the subject.