

Berlin, 12 June 1896

Very esteemed Doctor,

I have received your friendly letter of the 3rd of this month. However, I ask your forgiveness if it is not possible for me to fulfill your wish and suggest several topics for your friend to work on. The main reason is that I do not know the gentleman in question at all and therefore also do not know what preparation he brings to the task in question. It is surely not just a matter here of the wording of the topic, but rather of more detailed explanation, indication of the best methods, and ongoing interest in the course of the execution. I am unable to take all this on in this case, however, and still less so as I have a great deal to do with student papers right at this time. I hope that you will understand my reasons. With the best of greetings, your most devoted

M. Planck