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Dear Professor Devide

On the occasion of your 80th birthday, it gives us great pleasure to send our sincere congratulations and to remind you of our meetings with you and a very pleasant evening that we spent with you and your late wife Vanda Kachansky-Devide, some 15 or 16 years ago during a visit to Zagreb with our dear friends Professor Dražena Papes and her husband Boris.

You invited us to your house and not only did you offer us a splendid dinner, with local dishes, but showed us your collection of books and papers. Then you took us to your music room full of musical instruments and you played for us with great skill and musicianship. The next surprise was to be taken to the balcony to be shown your telescope and given a tour of the celestial bodies, including Saturn which showed its rings beautifully.

We will always remember that splendid evening and your most generous hospitality and hope that you will have many years ahead to enjoy all your scientific and cultural pursuits.

With our congratulations on your 80th anniversary and all good wishes,

Professor Vernon and Mrs Christine Heywood