

Mr. Reinhold Messner

Juval in S  dtirol  
I-39020 Kastelbell  
Italy

Katowice, 1988.05.02.

Dear Reinhold,

Thank you very much for your letter of 4 February. I am sorry for the delay. It is a pity that you could not come to our festival. There were many people asking for you and hoping to see you. There is very good opinion about you in Poland and in Polish media. During the festival there were some meetings which went in a good and friendly atmosphere. The videofilm with TV RAI program devoted to you made by Renato Moro was also shown at the festival and met a warm welcome.

I have also heard that during my visit in Italy, some people including some journalist interpreted my words intentionally and I had to change the interpreters. So it was not my fault because my intentions were different.

Your idea of meeting together is very good. Therefore I repeat my invitation for you to Poland, where you have many friends not only among climbers.

You always have my respect as a climber and a man.

See you again

Best regards

P.s. I am sorry for a silly mistake. Since letters from here go very slowly, I gave my letter to a friend, stewardess of Polish airlines and I asked her to post the letter in Milano and I gave her in the same envelope 2 US dollars for stamps, which she unfortunately forgot to remove. In this way 2 dollars arrived in my letter to you, without any reason. Sorry,