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**Your letter dated November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

Dear Mr. White,

Thank you for giving us permission to use the name 'Illinois' for our hiking trail.

We will now continue with on project and we will keep you informed about its further development.

We would like to invite you and your wife to a trip to Germany/Otzberg-NiederKlingen. We would be happy to pick you up at the Frankfurt/Main airport and show you points of interest in NiederKlingen. Our hiking trail project 'Illinois' would also be included. Furthermore, we could show you some interesting historical buildings and towns like 'Veste Otzberg', 'Kaiser-Dom' in Speyer, 'Luther Dom' in Worms/Rhine, the 'Niederwalddenkmal' in Rüdesheim or the city of Würzburg. Attached you will find a list of interesting towns and memorials in our surrounding that we would recommend. For accommodation, we would recommend hotels in Gross-Umstadt, Darmstadt or Frankfurt/Main. If you tell us which category (4 or 5 stars) and town you prefer, we will be happy to make a reservation for you.

As far as we know, the 'Red cardinal' is the heraldic animal of Illinois. We would like to use it to mark our new hiking trail. Would it be possible for you to send us a template of the 'Red Cardinal' via email to the following address: [goetz.otzberg@t-online.de](mailto:goetz.otzberg@t-online.de)?

Supposing that you have nothing against it we would also like to inform the American Embassy in Frankfurt/Main about our activities in the next days.

Again, thank you for your kind letter of November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Sincerely yours,

Gottfried Götz  
Members of Klinger Storchchenfreunde

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