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Foreword

It was more than a quarter of a century ago—in February 1968—that my first book, *Memories of the Future*, was published by Econ, a German publisher. I had written the book two years earlier, but rejection letters from publishers fluttered on my desk with great regularity: "Sorry, not usable for our program ...," "We are very sorry ...," "We don't want to go this way ...," "We recommend a more esoteric publisher...."

In later years I was often asked how this publishing miracle happened, to finally place this controversial work with a renowned textbook house. Today I can finally confess: with outside help and a little discretion.

I met Dr. Thomas von Randow, then the science editor of the weekly *Die Zeit*, in the summer of 1967. He leafed through the neatly typed manuscript, examined some of the peculiar pictures, and decided, "This is not for us. You have to publish it as a book."

"And how does one find a publisher?"

Dr. von Randow puffed on his pipe, looked me straight in the eyes: "I do know a publisher. I could just give him a noncommittal call, if you wish."

He picked up the telephone and asked to be connected with Dr. Erwin Barth von Wehrenalp, the chief of Econ Publishing. The blood rushed to my head. After all, I knew what Dr. von Randow could not know: My manuscript had already been turned down by Econ. Naturally, the ensuing conversation stuck in my gray brain cells.

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