

Afterword

This book relied on the following sources:

- Grothendieck's philosophical and mathematical meditations, which were made available to me privately,
- Documents from the *IHES*, which however mostly concern the period of 1970,
- mathematical texts in the possession of Jean Malgoire, and Grothendieck's scientific and private correspondence, which I could only look through in part,
- numerous letters by Grothendieck of a private nature, which were made available to me by the recipients,
- the *Bulletin* of the *Survivre et Vivre* movement, and a series of writings by Grothendieck which belong in this context,
- interviews with Grothendieck's children, with his deceased wife, and his partner Y.,
- an extensive correspondence and many telephone conversations with numerous colleagues, students, acquaintances, friends and relatives of Grothendieck all over the world,
- a collection of photographs mainly from the private milieu, which were made available to me by different sources,
- repeated visits to the some of the places where Grothendieck lived.

It must be emphasized that until now almost none of the original documents concerning Grothendieck can be found in archives or similar institutions. In my opinion there is a great danger that a large part of his bequest will be scattered and possibly lost forever. I have made every effort to keep a record of documents which I have viewed, and file them in my personal archives, but I stress the fact that I possess almost no original documents. **I consider it as the urgent task of the scientific community to preserve Grothendieck's scientific and private bequest for the future and to archive it professionally.**