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Description

This collection contains material pertaining to the life, career, and activities of Henri Temianka, violin virtuoso, conductor, music teacher, and author. Materials include correspondence, concert programs and flyers, music scores, photographs, and books.

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15 December 1950

Miss Grace Denton
Room 500
38 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Miss Denton:

Many thanks for your letter of December 11. In order to be able to give you a definite answer, I should like to know more specifically what the sum proposed by you covers. Does it refer to teaching only or does it also include our concert appearances? In either case, how many hours of teaching are intended and how many concerts? I should like to have a more exact picture.

My colleagues and I feel that we want to cooperate with the Aspen project to the utmost of our ability and we are most happy to waive a considerable part of the fees we would normally receive. As you know, we were in Aspen last summer and have gained a pretty good idea of the living expenses involved. We have calculated that the sum of fifteen hundred dollars would be just sufficient to defray the expenses of each of my colleagues during an eight-week stay in Aspen if one takes into account all the expenses involved. In my own case, the expenses are even higher.

As far as I personally am concerned, it is my earnest desire to avoid placing any additional demands upon Mr. Paepcke's budget, as I know only too well what great sacrifices he is making. I wonder, however, whether we could not come to some understanding without my having to ask you to increase my fee. The only possibility I can think of would be that I be given the use of a comfortable two-room suite at the Jerome Hotel for my family and myself on the American plan at a nominal price, and consider this as part of our agreement. I wish you would give this some careful thought and let me know what could be worked out on this basis.

With kindest regards,

Yours cordially,

Henri Temianka

HT: jr