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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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September 9, 1977

William Primrose C.B.E. 30 Shoobert Crescent Keiraville 2500 N.S.W. Australia

Dear Bill:

I played chamber music the other evening with Henri Temianka who told me that your ongoing days with us were, perhaps, more limited than any of us would have dared guess, although none of us can predict the events of the next minute or hour.

A lawyer in 1957 once told me that while I should plan to live forewer, I should be prepared to die in an instant. I replied that I had always planned to live forever and accordingly, there was no need to be prepared to die in an instant. However, growing older and, hopefully, a littler wiser, I have now come to accept the fact that any of us can go in an instant and I believe that I am now reasonably well prepared.

I hope your schedule can be worked out to permit you to come through Los Angeles on your way to Berlin and Vienna wheme Henri tells me you are scheduled to go. It would be great to have you back with us and to have Hiroko and the children, too. Best wishes to all of you.

Fondly,