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October 22, 1983

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My Dear Dick,

As you well know, I have the highest regard for Brian Leonard's violinistic talent and potential. I have also expressed to you my sincere admiration for your generosity in supporting and encouraging gifted young string players.

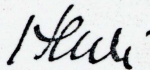
In spite of these feelings, I expressed strong reservations to you about accepting Brian as a student. These reservations were reinforced in the course of my meeting with him last Tuesday. There was a conspicuous absence of what young people nowadays call "good vibes." I did not appreciate his repeated references to my "high fee." At no time did he express enthusiasm or appreciation for the opportunity of studying with me.

I had not fully digested these impressions when I spoke to you by telephone in Brian's presence. Since then I have given a good deal of thought to the matter, and have come to the conclusion that it would be inadvisable to renew an association which is likely to run as erratic a course as before.

I reach this decision with regret, for Brian has many great qualities, both as an artist and a human being. But I simply do not have the time and energy to become embroiled again with problems of immaturity which he apparently has not yet been able to solve. I do hope you understand.

With all good wishes,

Yours cordially,



Henri Temianka