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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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January 28, 1982

Ms. Beverly Gerstein
US - ICA
PGM/DA Room 220
1750 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20547

Dear Ms. Gerstein:

Dr. Jordan Phillips, during his recent visit to Washington, was kind enough to mention to you the California Chamber Symphony's plans for a return visit to the Orient at the end of this year. The Hong Kong Urban Council, which had presented the 38-member group in Hong Kong in September of 1980, was so pleased with our reception that they have confirmed our reengagement this time for three concerts, on December 27, 28 and 29, 1982.

In view of the fact that we shall be at such a short distance from the Peoples Republic of China, this would hopefully provide an opportunity for us to give concerts there as well. May I say that, in addition to including some of the finest instrumentalists in this area, a number of members in the California Chamber Symphony hold distinguished teaching positions. I myself am professor emeritus at the California State University at Long Beach, and have been visiting professor at many other universities.

I mention this because, especially in the case of the Peoples Republic of China, it is my understanding that educational exchanges between visiting American artists and Chinese artists and teachers are of great value. I therefore believe that our group would have very special qualifications.

The California Chamber Symphony, after concertizing for more than 20 years, has an extensive repertoire of broad appeal. On our previous trip to

Hong Kong several of the members were enthusiastically acclaimed when they were featured as soloists with the orchestra.

We are actively seeking an approval from the United States Government for our forthcoming concert tour of the Orient in December and request funding support for this purpose.

Looking forward to hearing from you at your early convenience, and thanking you for your interest,

Yours sincerely,

HENRI TEMIANKA

HT/gv

P.S. The U.S. Department of State China Desk and the ICA are fully aware of this project and feel it is most beneficial for our relations with the P.C.R.