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Heinrich

[Handwritten text in German]
Dear Henri,

I am writing to you from Saxony, where Tamara and I are spending our short vacation. It is a very picturesque place with beautiful landscapes and absolute tranquility, which, as a matter of fact, is exactly what we need. We left Moscow quite a long time ago and arrived here after staying a few days at the Casals Festival, where I had the great pleasure of making music together with the indefatigable Don Pablo. In spite of his 90 (!) years of age, Maestro Casals is still playing not just with complete mastery, but with true inspiration as well. Thank you for the records! I did not have time to listen to them yet, because they arrived only the day before we left Moscow, but I am already anticipating the joy which awaits me on my return back home. Such a wonderful idea -- recording of all the Sonatas by Handel! I hope everything is well with you and all yours. Tamara and I send our love and kisses to you, darling Emmy and the children.

Yours, David.