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Lieber, verehrter Henri Temianka,

Danke vielmals fuer Ihre guten Wunsche, die ich auf's Herzlichste erwidere.


Im Januar gehe ich nach New York und bin jetzt sehr beschaeftigt mit Programm-Vorberaetigung, wenn aber im Fruehjahr Ihr Weg Sie nach Santa Barbara fuhrt, wuerde ich mich sehr freuen, wenn Sie uns besuchen wuerden. Ich erinnere mich mit grossem Vergnuegen Ihrer grossen Kuenstlerschaft und liebenswuerdigen Persoenlichkeit.

Mit vielen schoenen Gruessen und Wünschen
bin ich Ihre

[Signature]
17 December, 1950

Dear, revered Henri Temianka:

Thank you very much for your good wishes, which I reciprocate most cordially. I rejoiced that you wrote to me, because I have a terribly bad conscience for not having come to your concert in Santa Barbara. This is really a "small town", and when I go to one concert, I have the feeling that I have to go to all concerts, in order not to be perceived as being partial and wound the feelings of young artists, who so often ask that I go to their concerts. My friend Frances Holden and I live here in an extraordinarily withdrawn manner, getting up with the sun and going to bed with the chickens... Thus it is always an effort and a big event for us to go out at night. Then I have a third excuse: the next morning after your concert we had to take care of a very early and important matter. All of these reasons prevented us from coming to your concert. I regretted very much that you didn't tell our maid on the telephone in which hotel you are staying, so that I could at least have telephoned you when we came home.

In January I go to New York, and am at present very occupied with the preparation of the program, but if, in the spring, your road should bring you to Santa Barbara, I would be very happy if you would come and see us. I remember with great joy your great artistry and your lovely personality.

With many good greetings and wishes
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