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Dear Mr. Tamianka,

Thank you so very much for your kind letter of February 1st. I am really so unhappy about my answer to your repeated invitation to be honored guest. I honestly dont deserve it. But I AM not free to say yes to you. I must return after my vacation to Cabaret and stay with it until it closes. Its exhausting a thought, but , to use a phrase from Mahagonny" Wie man sich bettet-so liegt man". So please dear Mr. Tamianka, dont hold this refusal against me. May, maybe- the show closes before March 68, though it does not look like it would, then I could do it. But of course I know, you would have to know for sure in order to make your programm.

Thank you again for your kindness and please understand my dilemma.

With my very best wishes,

sincerely yours,

Lothar Lenya