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December 4, 1955

Mr. R. D. Marriner, President  
American Book Company  
55 Fifth Avenue  
New York 3, New York

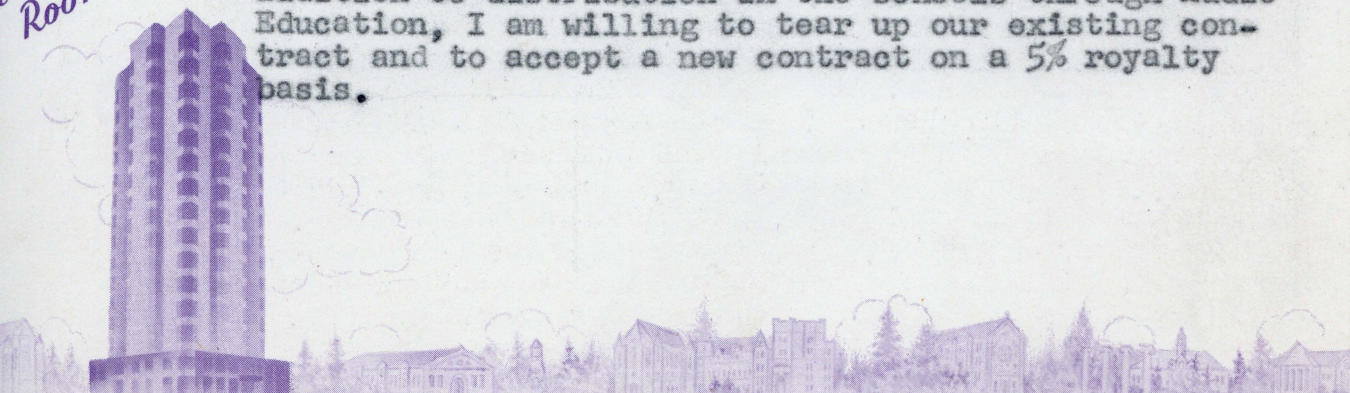
Dear Mr. Marriner:

Thank you for your letter of November 22nd which has just reached me here. I am exceedingly sorry that there should have been so serious an oversight, and I appreciate your candor in explaining what has occurred. May I say, however, that in making these records we have aimed at much higher standards than are usual in educational records, and it seems to me that a slight increase in the price of the albums would be justified by their quality.

I have never approached any task with greater conviction and enthusiasm, and from my personal experience as a concert artist in hundreds of communities and schools throughout the country, I have gained the belief that hundreds of thousands of adults and children are eager for an opportunity to obtain a better understanding of great music through the right kind of music appreciation records. Miss Stratemeyer told me that she had reason to hope that these recordings would also be distributed commercially through Decca. I have never before signed a recording contract on any other terms than the standard 10% royalty that is customary in the classical recording field. I have, however, a profound faith in our project and I would like to see it succeed to your satisfaction as well as to mine. I would, therefore, make the following proposition:

Provided commercial distribution of our records is assured by Decca within a guaranteed time limit, in addition to distribution in the schools through Audio Education, I am willing to tear up our existing contract and to accept a new contract on a 5% royalty basis.

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In closing, may I acknowledge the narration fee received a few days ago. I have not yet received payment due, under the terms of our contract, for completion of the records.

Yours sincerely,

HT/jw

Henri Tomianka

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