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Sir Yehudi Menuhin Fax 011 44 717 300 150
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My dear Yehudi:

I just received your letter and am of course deeply distressed to have to bring you the news of my cancellation. This isn't an arbitrary act, and if you were not my dearest friend of a lifetime, I might not reveal the full details of this sad history. A couple of months ago I was diagnosed with breast cancer of the fourth rib of the right breast. Radiation was initiated after some time, when the diagnosis had been assured. I have an excellent team of specialists who until now were hopeful that I would be sufficiently recovered to participate in the Paris Competition. However with less than a month to go, I felt that I could not continue to gamble.

Dearest Yehudi, you know that it deeply grieves me to have to give up this reunion with you to which I looked forward with so much joy.

Unfortunately, as I approach the age of 86 within the next two months, I have to come to terms with the fact that we cannot continue to eat our cake and have it forever and ever.

I hope that destiny will be kind to me and grant me a complete recovery. In the meantime, my most affectionate thoughts to you and Diana and all,

Yours devotedly,

Henri

P.S. I would love to get a detailed account of the Competition.