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October 10, 1985

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My dear Yehudi:

Thank you for your letter to Vadim Brodsky and your covering note. Only someone with your generous nature would devote the time and thought required for such a letter. Unfortunately, characters like Brodsky are probably unappeasable malcontents. Anyone entering a competition should do so with a clear perception that "victory" is not to be assumed. If it were, it would not be a competition.

Your "concours", thanks to your thoughtful planning and its diversified nature, provided encouragement for many. Even so, egos will be egos. One contestant, to whom you had acted with extreme generosity, contacted me later in Los Angeles to complain that she had been treated "unfairly". I declined comment.

My overall conclusion is that you have every reason to take great and justifiable pride in your extraordinary achievement. You have raised the concept of a violin competition to a new level. Many participants received vital encouragement in those areas in which they were deserving, thanks to the breadth of your perspective. It is possible that a further "mise au point" may be achieved in future competitions of this kind, and I surely hope that you will continue with this project begun so auspiciously.

Personally, I feel richly rewarded by the close companionship with you during those stimulating days. I felt a heightened meaning and closeness in our friendship and communication. You and I can look forward with joy to our respective milestones in 1986, in contrast to most people to whom the advancing years are nothing but millstones.

Yours ever,

*Henri*