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Dearest Henri

It was delightful to have you and Emmy here for dinner, and the School remembers your visit with real gratitude and recognises the specific value of a great violinist and musician.

I am so sorry that as so often happens with my impetuous flights of fancy that they depend on other people's generosity. This was no exception, for I had to reduce you from what I wanted -- Concorde here and back -- to business class. I am grateful to Helen that the School or I did not have to put you where you deserved to be -- Claridge's -- and even for the very generous way you are accepting the fact that you have not made any financial profit on this trip.

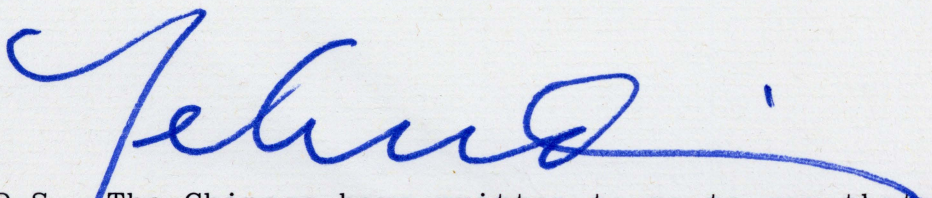
The \$7,000 I paid from my own pocket was simply a reimbursement of your expenses, and \$5,000 of that for the airfares was my birthday gift from my management in the United States -- a birthday gift well spent as far as I am concerned!

On the subject of birthdays, I know I shall not have the joy of sharing your eightieth birthday with you, a day which will undoubtedly see you as fiddling fit as ever, and which will promise many more years of friendship as well as of achievement. Dear Henri, may I enclose a cheque for \$500 towards this birthday? Do with it as you will.

There seem to be quite a few major birthdays -- I read in the Surrey Gazette that you were returning to Los Angeles to celebrate Isaac's 65th. Please wish him many happy returns from me.

With much love to you and Emmy.

Always devotedly,



P.S. The Chinese have written to me to say that they could only have one juror from each country, and had already invited Dorothy DeLay from the USA. I believe you are to be an 'Honourable Guest' and I have suggested that if there is a spare seat on China Airways they offer it to you, as it would be such a pleasure for me to know you were in China at the same time as me.