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March 11, 1991

Dear Mr. Temianka,

Thank you for your inquiry of February 21st regarding your appearances here at the Library of Congress. We are well acquainted with your distinguished association with Mrs. Coolidge and with the Library, both as a soloist and as the founder of the Paganini String Quartet, and are happy to make available to you the enclosed information from our files.

As you might imagine, we also are beginning to work on a project for the approaching Darius Milhaud centennial in 1992. When I travel to Paris next month, I will be talking with Madame Milhaud about our plans for a special radio broadcast next season that will include several Milhaud performances recorded in the Coolidge Auditorium. I had the pleasure of making Madame Milhaud's acquaintance several years ago, and have been able to visit her on return trips since the early 1980's.

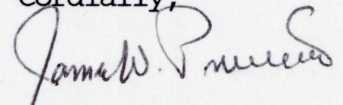
I am enclosing copies of the programs for your concerts here with Leonard Shure and with the Paganini Quartet. Only one of these concerts (Paganini Quartet, February 20, 1948) includes a Milhaud work; that concert was actually not given under Mrs. Coolidge's auspices, as were your other performances, but rather under the auspices of the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Foundation.

You asked specifically about a concert you gave with Darius Milhaud in Boston in 1940. We were fortunate to find not only the correspondence about this concert, but the program itself; both are enclosed.

Sometime within the next two seasons, we also plan to produce a radio broadcast featuring performances from the Paganini Quartet's concerts at the Library. This broadcast would be separate from the proposed Milhaud program (see enclosed brochure for the Classic Performances broadcast series.) We will be in contact with you over the next few months to ask for the appropriate permissions.

Please let us know if you should require any further materials from our archives, and if you are in contact with Madame Milhaud, please give her my warmest regards.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James W. Pruett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "Pruett" clearly legible.

James W. Pruett
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