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Dear Henri,

This is a belated thank you for your delightful note on the occasion of my 75th birthday.

I was deeply touched by it and I am looking forward to reciprocating on November 19 for your 80th.

The reason for this tardy response is that since 1981, Jacqueline and I have been spending the month of January and most of February in Mazatlan Mexico. Our old bones need its warm sunshine and makes the Michigan winter seem shorter and easier to endure.

1986 seems to be the year of round figures, 75 in January, 80 in November and, perhaps last but certainly not least, April will be the 40th anniversary of our meeting in Oakland and, I am not about to forget the warm reception at your apartment in San Francisco where Emmy with her beautiful smile and her delicious cooking removed the language barrier almost immediately. It's so nice to reminisce when the memories are happy.

My hat off to you Henri when I read about your activities. It's simply wonderful and I am not surprised when I remember your boundless energy. I must admit that I am not in the same league.

My contributions consist of some private lessons, string quartet coaching and being called back to active duty to teach during the eight week summer session at the school of music.

On the other hand, since my retirement in 1979, we have been traveling extensively and enjoying it to the fullest.

Who knows our paths may cross again sometimes before old age catches up with us.

Jacqueline joins me in wishing you all the best and remember that old saying: "La vie est belle, elle commence demain".

Affectionately,

Gustave

P.S. I hope you don't mind this letter being typewritten. My handwriting has become somewhat of a challenge to read.