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Personal address:
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November 24, 1965

Mr. Rudolf Serkin
Curtis Institute of Music
Rittenhouse Square
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Friend Serkin:

I would like to call to your kind attention one of the most remarkable pianistic talents I have ever heard. He is James Fields, 17, who last summer appeared as soloist at the Hollywood Bowl in the Saint-Saens Second Piano Concerto, and shortly before that won first prize in the national contest of the Young Musicians Foundation. RCA Victor has signed him to a contract.

It is young Fields' most ardent desire to be given the privilege of studying with you, and I would like to ask you how this could be brought about. In addition to musical talent, I consider him a most worthwhile human being and recommend him without any reservations whatsoever. This recommendation is therefore made with the utmost earnestness and sincerity. The young man is financially handicapped; his mother, despite ill health, earns a livelihood for both.

I sincerely hope that you can give him a scholarship and shall look forward to hearing from you.

Yours cordially,

HENRI TENIANKA

HT:mb

cc: Mr. Efrem Zimbalist