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August 14, 1986

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My dear Isaac:

Preparations for the "Henri the 80th" celebration on Tuesday October 14 are progressing smoothly, and your participation is an act of friendship that has touched everyone very deeply. I need an informal telephone "shmooz" with you so that we are sure to proceed with the informal musical serenade in accordance with your wishes. Dudley Moore, who is really quite a good pianist, would be thrilled to play one or more movements of the "Spring" Sonata with you. Janos Starker and Nathaniel Rosen will also be on hand, as will be my two splendid chamber music pianists, John and Antoinette Perry. Angel Romero will be there with his guitar and Roger Wagner with his chamber chorale. Obviously we have no intention of turning this into a musical marathon. Cocktails will be served from 6:30 until 7:30, dinner and dancing from 7:30 until 9:00, and then the short program with my old friend Vincent Price as Master of Ceremonies.

All of this will take place in the Grand Trianon Room at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, deliberately selected because of its charm and intimacy, with a seating capacity of 300. It will be a benefit for the California Chamber Symphony Society, and the Co-Chairmen are Ray Bradbury, Franklin D. Murphy, Simon Ramo and Efrem Zimbalist, with Veronica Chambers as Dinner Chairman. It is of course a black tie event.

I shall try and phone you next week, and if you are not available, perhaps you can leave a message to let me know when and where I can reach you at your convenience.

I shall be in Hong Kong and Beijing from September 9 until the end of the month, and would like to be able to talk to you before I leave.

With loving thoughts to you and Vera,

Yours ever,

Henri

Henri Temianka

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