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Claridge's

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30th September 1970

Mr. Henri Temianka,  
2915, Patricia Avenue,  
Los Angeles,  
California.

Dear Henri,

Your letter of 2nd August, written in Edmonton, finally reached me in mid-September in Paris where I stopped long enough for some mail to catch up from New York.

To say I was astonished by your words is to put it mildly. Unless my memory serves me ill you called me when I was in Los Angeles earlier in the year to say that you would regretfully be away when we came to play at the Bowl. I did indeed receive your telegram, but due to some rather unnecessarily active efforts on the part of the public relations end of the Hurok office I received almost 200 telegrams, the majority of them arriving through the telex system of the hotel and many of them marked 'Los Angeles' though the point of origin was from all over the United States, and sometimes from abroad. This was due to the fact that they came in such volume that they were received by the telex machine of the hotel rather than on the regular Western Union forms.

I should think that after all these years I would not choose such a clumsy method of announcing an estrangement. We have known each other well enough to know what we think face to face, and in the final analysis a brief telephone call could have cleared all this up in two seconds rather than in two months.

So, now that that is all cleared up we can forget that it happened.

As ever

*Rosemary Gray*

p.p. ISAAC STERN  
(Dictated by Mr. Stern  
and signed in his absence)