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Mr. Henri Temianka
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Dear Mr. Temianka,

Many thanks for your letter of the 26th inst., just to hand. I certainly appreciate your most valuable assistance to find players for Glasgow very much and I shall be very interested to hear more about this matter at your earliest convenience.

As to our London Recital I do not mind facing a loss of about £ 20.0.0 and you may go ahead with the necessary arrangements for NOVEMBER 2nd. October 5th is not suitable for me as I have a concert here in the first week of that month.

Referring to the possibility of getting an engagement at the "Diligentia" I may perhaps say, that, generally speaking, I question the wisdom of making too cheap offers. I am prepared to waive the fee for this engagement if this is the only means to get the engagement at all but if I were you, I should try first to get a fee, - be it a nominal one, just for the sake of principle. As both of us are wellknown and fairly popular in the Hague I am inclined to think that a Sonata Recital should prove rather attractive to the people there.

I shall be in the Hague from February 24th or so till the end of March. Consequently there will be ample time for recitals all over the country (if we can get them) for I have rehearsals in the morning only and not more than 10 concerts to conduct during the whole period. If Mr. Koning cares to get in touch with Mr. Rodriguez, he will easily find out the dates on which I shall be available. I leave it to you to deal with Mr. Koning in this matter and I shall not write him directly. - Perhaps you could ask the advice of Dr. Mengelberg concerning a recital in Amsterdam; maybe he could place it within the frame of the Concertgebouw Chamber-Music scheme.

I shall come to London and Glasgow about June 15th for 8-10 days and I hope to see very much of you then. But I hope to hear from you often in the meantime.

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely

Korzyll