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Description

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Concert-tour.

Dear Tom,

Your letter of Dec 27, received patiently in Tosque
near Santa Fe came late enough for me to write either
to Pittsburgh or to New-York. In fact, since you left the
anachronistic world of concert-givers and entered one of the
many branches of the horic slaughter-house business, I really
don't know where you ~~live~~ live? If this letter should have
the good fortune of ever reaching you, please give me your
present address and don't say "somewhere in San-Francisco"
either. In the meantime I shall address this to Columbia.

Thank you for your good wishes for 1943. Nowadays,
when anybody wishes anybody else a "happy" New-Year the
polite person does it automatically, the sincere person cannot
possibly hope that his wishes may ~~come~~ come true. My wish to
my friends (you among them, of course) is that things in 1943

don't get worse. There is still a chance for that in the world.
As you probably have heard already our concert ~~is~~ in San Francisco
has either been cancelled or postponed until April 24. So there is
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experience of the year. However, don't be too optimistic - it
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way for the second time in my life. I don't say I enjoy
the thought much - I much rather were a general, but
it is unlikely in life that one person gets high things in two
activities. So I will stay a general in music - and a private
in the infantry.

And if you are already the chief in whatever department
of whatever service you are doing and can get me in
as your Russian-speaking secretary and if that would ease
my potato-feeling in some hot in Oklahoma unnecessary -
I would be empowered with blith. I doubt if I will,
but write to me anyway soon.

With hearty feelings in which I bid me
I remain yours with a Russian side
Viktor

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With hearty greetings in which Vitya joins me
I remain yours, with a Russian soul,
Victor