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Description

This collection contains material pertaining to the life, career, and activities of Henri Temianka, violin virtuoso, conductor, music teacher, and author. Materials include correspondence, concert programs and flyers, music scores, photographs, and books.

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Dear Szymon,

Here is news that may be important: Zlatko Balokowicz, years ago, bought a del Jesu from Hill for \$ 47,000. He later traded it back to Hill when he bought the Swan Strad. The Guarneri was then bought by a German refugee named Mr. Aron who now runs a chicken farm in Flemington, N.J. and is anxious to sell, possibly at as low a figure as \$ 25,000 or thereabouts. Mr. Aron has a brother who is a doctor who lives at 200 W.58 St. in New York, unless he has moved.

I have this information from a violin trader named Irving Klase who is now in Los Angeles. He says it is one of the greatest del Gesus in the world, and all he is worried about is how does he get his commission. Mr. Aron refuses to pay anyone a commission. It is my feeling that if this violin should really turn out to be a great discovery and if you should be able to acquire it thanks to Mr. Klase's information, then you should in fairness pay him a commission, possibly of 5 %. He says the violin is completely out of sight and mind, hidden under chickens and eggs and maize, and without him you would never know about it.

Well, that's all I know. I also want a commission, in the form of some intelligent information, namely: Who the hell published the Rossini Concerto for Violin, Double Bass and orchestra? I need it urgently. You told me about it, I wrote Patelson's Music House in New York to order it, and he replies he cannot find out where it is published. Please help in a hurry. I don't care whether Balokowicz played it or not.

The encyclopedic Mr. Klase also knows of a Mr. Joseph Marlin in Brooklyn who owns a del Jesu he wants to sell. Perhaps you can trace him, he has moved. Now, if you don't get rid of your extra cash, don't blame me. Lots of luck and keep me informed.

Love from us all to you and Marie.