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1732 East 115 Street
Cleveland, Ohio
March 4, 1944

My dear Henri,

I was very glad to get your letter, since I was thinking of you often and could not explain why I did not hear from you. The last notice I had from you, last year, was the announcement of your marriage which reached me on tour in Pittsburgh where I was then playing the Bartok concerto and was thinking of you particularly. Immediately afterwards I became ill and Erika wrote you our congratulations while I was still in hospital. Afterwards I often wondered where you could be?

So I take this opportunity now to send you and your wife our heartiest wishes for your everlasting happiness together. I also hope that we shall meet some time and that we shall have the pleasure of meeting your wife.

I was sorry too that there had not been time to get in touch with your parents: I spent only a very hectic week lately in New York and I simply could not get around to make any telephone calls. But very many friends came backstage after my three appearances in Carnegie Hall, and it seemed we had seen "everybody". Reminiscing afterwards who had come and who not, Erika and I missed your parents who apparently had not come to a concert or at least had not "looked me up". I am happy for you all that your parents will also settle in California, and they and you must feel very satisfied to be reunited.

I heard vaguely before that you are doing something connected with the Army, Henri; and even now when you tell me that you work for the O.W.I. I cannot imagine what your activities are? Does it mean you are in the Army and in Uniform? Good anyhow that you had several week's leave for concertising, and also that you seem to be able to stay in San Francisco permanently...

I have been very happy happy with my work in Cleveland. The Orchestra consists of a particularly nice group of musicians and everybody is appreciative, really the best atmosphere to progress in. Next fall I shall have an

exceptional contract with our Orchestra with several week's free time for me to accept solo engagements in other cities...~~xxxx~~ During the coming summer I intend to follow an invitation to the Indiana University to teach during their summer session....These are my plans, just as well, however, I might be found peeling potatoes instead in the Army. My turn comes probably one of these days, and then everything else had to be postponed, of course.

We met a part of F'risco's musical life last summer when we lived in Maine and came together with Mr. and Mrs. Monteux and several of the young student crowd that surrounds them. If you should see M.s give them my kindest regards. I was thinking of you when they spoke of F'risco.

Again, our best wishes and most cordial regards to you both, as also to your dear parents and Rosi.

As ever, your

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