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Dear Rudi,

I got your letter very late, had it mislaid somewhere on my desk, but am fortunate enough to have found it again.

I am so incredibly happy to know that you keep your wonderful old energy and always ready to do things you like to do. You wouldn't know what a satisfaction and joy it is for me to be aware of that. I am already looking forward to seeing you in Chicago. If I have a moment's time in Chicago after my concert I will certainly be pleased to have your protege, Jeffrey Siegel, play for me. I see from the short biographical note that he is already on the way of becoming a great success, so I will hear him with special pleasure, as it seems you are interested in him.

Please accept for both of you my fervent wishes for a happy New Year.

Your old friend,