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Dear Madam Rubenstein –

I wish to thank you for a delightful and delicious lunch at your house in Paris. I apologize for the delay in writing to you sooner – when I returned to New York – I discovered – I had 3 weeks worth of work to catch up with after having been gone only for one week. In addition – I had a flood of water in the basement of my house – we had such cold weather in New York that one of the water pipes froze – It's now all fixed – & I am catching up on my personal life –

Edward Kronkes, the architect who you kindly let me bring to your house, asked me to thank you for including him. It was a very special occasion for both of us to be with you & see your lovely home. We enjoyed meeting your nephew Arthur Gromadzki – Edward – hopes to hear from him when he comes to

New York - I'm sure he could help him find a job if he would like to come here - By now I suspect his French is superb and he probably will decide to live in Paris - - What a lovely city - I must say I adore just walking around looking at every beautiful building - the boulevards - the shops - so much more relaxed & elegant than New York - I didn't at all mind the rain while we were there -

I hope the next time you're in New York you will let me know so I can plan a small dinner party for you - I would enjoy showing you my art collection and to spend some time with you on an informal basis.

Please extend my fondest regards to Arthur Gromadski. Both Edward & I want him to know that we and most other Americans are very sad for his Polish countrymen in this terrible time.

Best wishes for a Happy & Healthy New Year
I look forward to your next visit to New York
With warmest & kindest regards,

Alvin