Dear Villa

The enclosed will explain what I can add is thans.

you will very much for all you offered.

What a pity!

See you soon I hope.
PERSONAL

October 10th, 1950

In my distress at yesterday's happenings, I have looked back at our file and find therein a letter of 14th August, written to me by Mr. Herbert Hughes, General Manager, Sadler's Wells Ballet Company, of which I enclose a copy.

2. You will see therein that the invitations for Friday, the 20th October (subsequently changed to Thursday, the 19th) were to be only for the seven persons whose names were given to me.

3. On the 18th September, I explained to Mr. Hughes that your plans - in conjunction with Mrs. Firestone and Mrs. Rubinstein - were now definite and that I was passing on these names to you. Not until the 5th October did I learn of Miss de Valois' desire for an "All-cast party" in place of the "15 principals who had accepted a private party".

4. This misunderstanding appears to have arisen out of Mrs. Nelson's plan for cooperative entertainment of the entire cast - a plan which I immediately informed Miss de Valois had been still-born and abandoned some time before. I also told her that Mrs. Nelson was in New York and the date of her return uncertain.

5. The record therefore seems clear, and there remains for me but a word of keen regret that you and the co-sponsors of a most generous entertainment should have been placed in an awkward predicament.

6. In the circumstances, more particularly in the absence of any answer to my offer to entertain 30 members of the Ballet ranking after your 15, and not to include the latter, I do not know whether my Cocktail Party on Monday, the 23rd, will come off.

7. Members of my staff had also offered entertainment to another 10, which brought the total up to 40 - apart from your 15. More we could not do, and nor could you. But this is, alas, now water over the dam.

8. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mrs. Firestone and Mrs. Rubinstein.

(R.H. Kadow)

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