Asociación "Amigos de la Música"

Apartado 105

MARBELLA

April 12th, 1983.

Mrs. Arthur Rubinstein,
22 Square de l'Ave. Foch,
Paris 75116.

Dear Mrs. Rubinstein,

Recently the Steinway Grand Piano, which had been bought in 1974 by the Town Council of Marbella especially for the use of our association and which your late husband so generously inaugurated that same year with the unforgettable recital he gave to raise funds for our work, has been seized on orders of the present Mayor of Marbella and removed to the centre of the town. It now stands in a most unsuitable hall in what used to be the old market, where the Town Council has been giving concerts. This hall is pokey and acoustically very bad. Nevertheless, the Mayor insists that, if our association wishes to give concerts involving the Steinway, we may only do so there and not in a "luxury hotel for the élite".

Naturally, we do not wish to lower our standards to conform with those of the Mayor and, as there is still no concert hall in Marbella, we shall continue to give our concerts in the Hotel Andalucia Plaza.

However, we are at present without a piano. We understand that you are selling La Rueda and it has been suggested to us, that you might consider selling your late husband's piano. It is for this reason that I am writing you, because

if you were thinking of selling it, our association would be extremely interested. We would, of course, have to raise the necessary funds, but we feel sure that our members would respond generously, as it would be a great honour for our association to possess the piano that was owned by our deeply respected late Honorary President.

I do hope you will forgive me for troubling you about this, but we would be extremely grateful for an early reply.

With our kind regards and good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Mary Wells.

Vice-President.