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Mrs. Arlene Steele
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Dear Mrs. Steele,

My programs are not planned on what I played before or on what the others announce, only because I feel that I give a better performance.

The public in Washington is not coming to my concerts to hear this or that work, but to hear me play, so I have decided to stand by the "Appasionata " or call off the concert. Please convey this to Mr. Hayes in Washington, I think he will understand my motives.

In the meantime I have received your letter with the program of the Guarnieri String Quartett. I suggest to them to finish the concert with the "Fauré Quartett", as we did in Paris. If they dont want to I shall follow their wishes.

Please send me urgently the programs I gave to Mr. Hurok for my Orchestra appearance in New York. I have no copy of it and I would like to know what I have to play at my first concerts.

Yours cordially,

Arthur Rubinstein