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Dear Mrs. Clemans,

This letter does not require an answer!

Thank you so much for your kind letter of April 30, which took some of the pain out of our very sad correspondence. I wonder if you can appreciate my sorrow and frustration at having a life-long ambition so nearly achieved and then dashed to pieces at the last moment? It grieves me deeply that the folder and Mr. Rubinstein actually "met" but without the dreamed-of consummation. I fear I played my cards very badly, because in my ignorance I had no idea that my request might be misconstrued, misunderstood or refused.

That is all in the past. I shall of course take your advice and make no effort to contact Mr. & Mrs. Rubinstein in Paris. I shall be hoping fervently that they may reconsider their decision in the Fall - when they read my letter and supporting evidence of authenticity. Please mention to them that I shall be happy to fly to New York at any time if they are prepared to grant my request.

Other thoughts pass in and out of my mind! Failing the above, I wonder if you, Mr. and Mrs. Rubinstein would be prepared to let me have an autograph of Mr. Rubinstein (ideally with a date and personal comment!) which I could then insert into the folder.

I hope you will forgive me if I write to you again in the early Fall about the above. It has been embarrassing and distasteful to keep bothering you. I do hope I have convinced you (and hopefully Mr. & Mrs. Rubinstein) that this request is honest, simple, strong and sincere. I am most grateful that you are still willing to keep the door ajar.

With kind regards and many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

Fred Pattison

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