Your sudden urgency astonished me greatly after your so kind acceptance of my refusal stop My traveling is simply to escape so many demands upon me in Paris. Assemblies, speeches photographs interviews have lately terrible effects on my health ~~you approach [illegible] certainly [illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~had~~ a great shock when a friend ^received presented me with the Mozart quartets which you issued without my approval & in secret from me

Cordially AR.

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