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Dear Grandmama,

First let me say how sorry I am for not writing sooner. I have been so busy getting ready for school that everything in my life has revolved solely around Yale these past few weeks.

Thank-you so much for having Julie and I out Spain! I can't even begin to tell you how wonderful a time we had. I think that was the first actual time off from the rest of the world I've had all this year (last year). My sun tan has almost completely faded away, as we expected.

I just started school this week and it's extremely difficult. Never before have I worked so hard in so many things before. I play trumpet in five ensembles, take two college classes in French and English, and am considering writing for the newspaper. My french class is an advanced one and I'm getting alot of grammar, which is my main weakness. No one is allowed to speak any english in the classroom, which helps alot, and every week we must write a composition.

The main orchestra I play in is the Yale Philarmonia -- the graduate school orchestra. It is also probably the greatest group I have ever played with. Today we sight-read Brahms' 1st Symphony and Elgar's 1st Symphony. At one point this year we will play in Alice Tully Hall for the Beethoven festival.

How have you been since Spain? You must be in Paris now, if my guess is correct.

It's quite amazing how many people I know

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here in New Haven. I've met people from Aspen, Juilliard, Interlochen, Riverdale and even Allen Stevenson -- all the educational institutions I've ever attended. I even came across a girl who's sister spent last year in Aix at the Université.

It was funny the other day because I was in New York the other day listening to the radio and I heard both Johnny and Mr. Barenboim on WNCN radio. It was really nice to get to know Daniel much better considering how close he is with the family. Ever since the discussion about cigars I have considered smoking one. But don't worry! I would never do such a thing because my throat must remain clear and healthy for the trumpet.

I've seen Eva recently in NY. She gave me some wonderful furniture for school. Eva had to clear out her living room for more work space so she generously contributed to my lack of furniture.

Well, I have to get back to work now because I have two essays to do for Friday.

Thank you again for your generosity and hospitality in putting up with me and Julie. I believe she has written you telling you the same. Here is my new adress + phone in New Haven:

much love,

Jason

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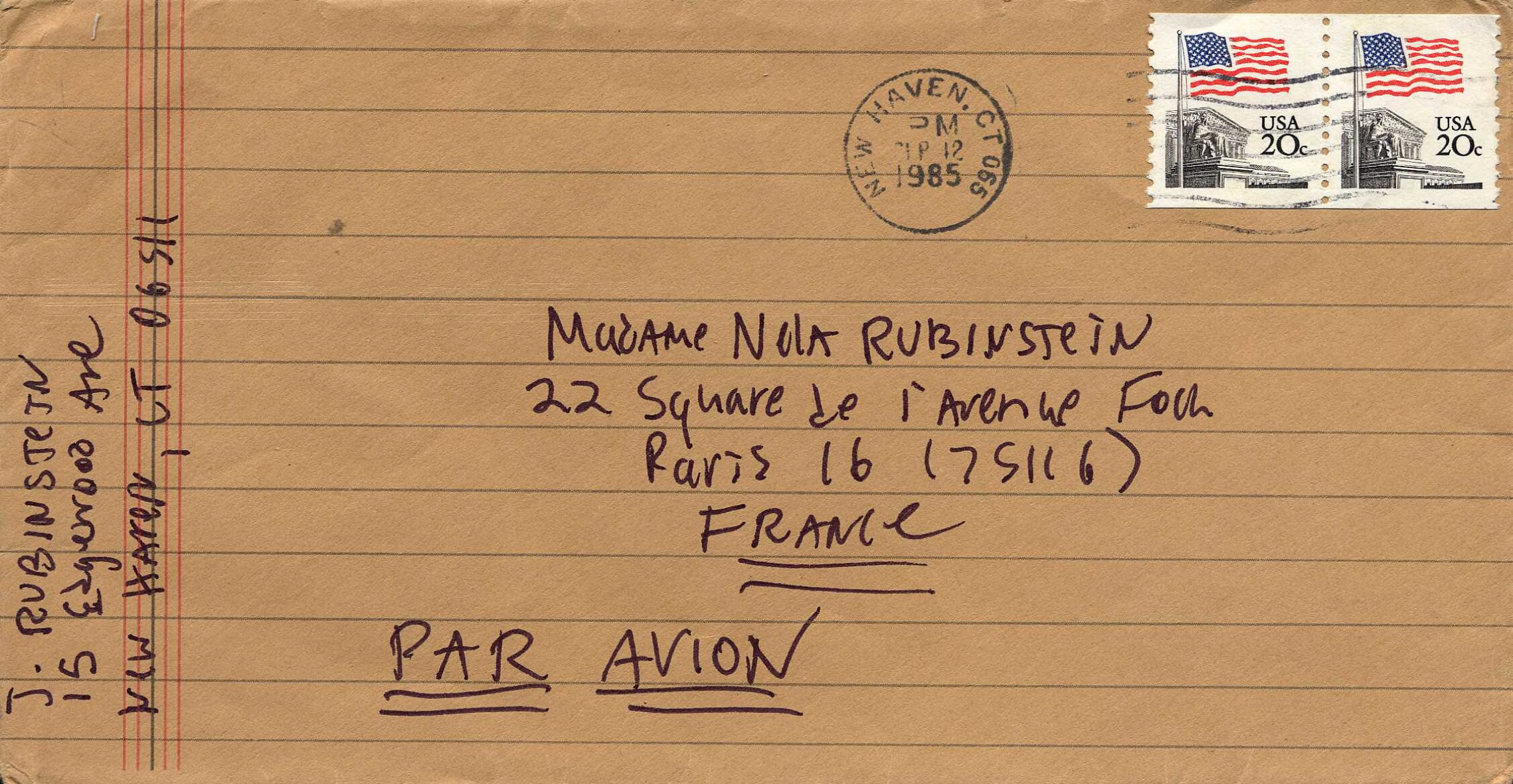
PS. I hope to see you soon in NY. Please call when you come in.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