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Dear Mr. Smetona,

Your letter of March 30th gave me a great pleasure for many reasons. First of all, that it is coming from a fine pianist with a high musical standard, as I see from your program and the criticisms you sent me. Secondly, that you remember me in such a kind way after a concert in New York.

I, on the other hand, remember my concert in Kovno where your grandfather, the president of Lithuania, was gracious enough to congratulate me upon my performance, in spite of the then strained relations between Lithuania and Poland.

To finish my letter, I must ask you for a favor: at my next concert at which you should be present, you must promise me to come either during intermission or after the concert so that we know each other a little better and find a way for a meeting where I could hear you play.

With my warmest wishes,

Yours,

Arthur Rubinstein

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