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Mr. Arthur Rubinstein
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Dear Mr. Rubinstein:

We are delighted to be able to tell you in advance of a public announcement that Miss Marian Anderson has agreed to donate her music library, correspondence and other memorabilia to the Library of the University of Pennsylvania.

The papers will be used as a scholarly resource, and a fund will be required not only for their maintenance and curatorial care, but also for the establishment of other means of recognizing Miss Anderson for her great stature as an artist and as a person. Our purpose in writing is to ask if you will join a small Committee to translate these plans into action. Your associates on the Committee will be distinguished citizens who have known Miss Anderson over the years and appreciate the importance of her gift. Leonard Bernstein has agreed to serve as Honorary Chairman of the Committee.

On April 13, the gift will be announced publicly at a concert on the campus which Miss Anderson will attend with her nephew, James DePreist, conductor of the Quebec Symphony and an alumnus of the University. At the concert, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony will be performed by the Symphony Orchestra and the Choral Society of the University.

It is planned that the first meeting of the Committee to honor Miss Anderson will be called the day of the concert. We would be especially pleased to hear that you will accept this assignment, and we can both assure you that the demands on your time will not be great.

Sincerely,

Fred Mann

Fredric R. Mann
Chairman
of the Committee

Martin Meyerson

Proud to Be Mormon
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