My dear Mr. Rubinstein:

I am not given to writing celebrities, although sometimes I long to express my admiration.

You wrote some words to live by which touched me so deeply I copied them in my daybook. At 88 years of age I echo your philosophy which you so wonderfully express.

Now I am asking, what is indeed a great favor, - would you autograph the enclosed cards for me? Furthermore, may I be permitted to have a copy printed on a card in order to send to special friends? If you would prefer it without your autograph, simply quoted as from you, I would understand.

I am bringing two gifted young artists (pianists) with me to your concert. We may not have the opportunity of speaking to you, so I am sending this note, with enclosures, ahead of time.

Quite a number of years ago I sat next to you at a party after a performance in Houston and enjoyed exchanging gourmet recipes. So, I am sending one of my favorite cook books, hoping you do not already have it. ?

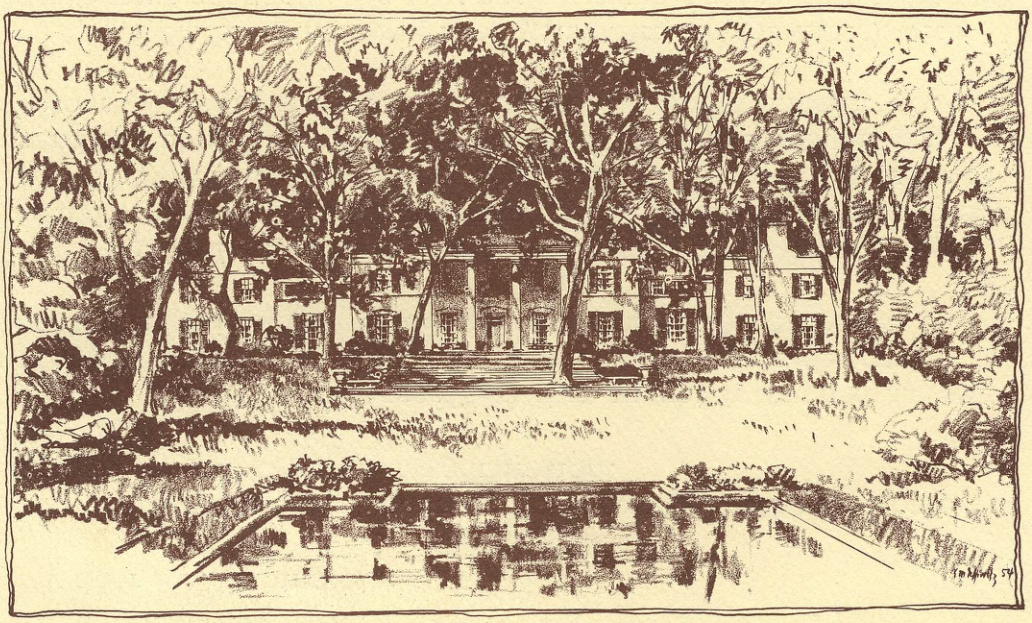
With my warm greetings and admiration.

Sincerely yours,

Ima Hogg

Mr. Artur Rubinstein
Houston, Texas

February 22, 1971



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