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Dear Mr.Bistritzky,

I was sad, but not surprised to hear from your cable that the Competition had to be postponed. Of course it is a wise decision and upon my return from Brussels, I found here your letter of Dec.4th for which I thank you.

As far as your planning for the Competition, my opinion is that you ought to hold it next season, as I doubt very much that at this late date you will be able to secure a good Jury for the coming spring .
You well know that artists have their seasons arranged much in advance, and therefore it seems to me most improbable that for April or May you could be assured of foreign artists.

For my part,I regret to have to tell you that it will be out of question for me to sit in the Jury this spring on account of my other commitments.

I am engaged for a tour with the Israel Philharmonic conducted by Kubelik, which should be taking place between May 25 and June I5th, and before that I have many concerts in Europe among which the entire works of Chopin (a cycle of six recitals) which I am to do for the Gulbenkian Foundation in Lisbon in May .

Let's keep in touch about your plans . I am distressed by the gravity of the political situation and heartily wish and trust that peace and justice return for your country.

With best wishes and regards,
Yours sincerely

Nikita Magaloff