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Dear Lela,

It was very exciting to open the package this week and find your beautiful cookbook. I can hardly express the joy of your sending it to us and then of reading the anecdotes plus the wonderful recipes — a truly treasured gift.

I have been thinking of writing to you many times over the summer and the arrival of your book has made it come together in a very special way.

Just this last weekend I

played the Brahms d-minor Concerto for the first time. As I worked on it over the summer it brought me these many thoughts of you —

Munz used to tell us (my family) the great story about the first time he played the Brahms d-minor in Warsaw with your father! When your father asked him if he knew the Concerto, he gulped, realizing he did not — but not wanting to lose the opportunity, he said yes, he did know it, and the concert was somehow in a very short period of weeks and he learned it just to be able to play with your father! We always talked about my learning it but we never got around to it. And as a

matter of fact, whenever I heard a performance of it (not Artur's) I always felt, no, not this Concerto, it is a bit boring, I like the Bb better.

Then, I happened to see the telecast of Artur in Amsterdam with Haitink from about 10 years ago. Suddenly, I completely broke down from the impact of the music and the most unearthly and beautiful performance by the two of them. From then on, I have been longing to play it. Saturday I finally did, and Saturday your book arrived.

Monday I played the second performance and Tuesday I

saw Halina at the memorial service at Juilliard for Peter Mennin. She told me you were in Washington cooking for TV! So this letter cannot delay longer.

Our whole family sends you our love and we thank you for the precious cookbook we will certainly all enjoy.

Yours devotedly,

Ann