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Mrs. G. Piatigorsky 400 S. Bundy Dr. Los Angeles 49, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Piatigorsky,

We have up here a serious student of chess, Mr. Alan Benson, who is very interested in working in some capacity at the Piatigorsky Cup Tournament. He has heard of how you gave money and clothing to the "wall boys" last time but he is not interested in this kind of compensation. He would like to work for room and board and not for money or other things. He has his own black suit for the occasion.

Mr. Benson is 18 but is very mature for his age. His skill at blindfold chess indicates that he should be excellent at tending the wall boards particularly during time trouble. He knows a good deal about chess "theory of the openings" and his writtennanalysis is good so you may be able to use him at the lectures or at least for accurate communication with the lecture staff. There would be no additional cost for this. He is very willing and only wants meals and a place to sleep. Of course he will pay for his own transportation to L. A. and back.

Yours truly,

William Oddison