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or desire any thing that I might not think of ? May 23rd 1952 want you to enjoy your
visit with us and we want you to only take away pleasant memories of your visit.

Dear Mary Bain;

I have just seen Things are shaping up very well for your San Jose Exhibition. of
the Bellemin (To morrow, I hit the local papers with your picture and a story.
I will have had to play up a couple of angles, slightly..... about your "ferociousness"
and how lethal your chess play is..... you know ... the old "the female is
more deadly than the male" stuff..... And if you should see some one scrutizing
your hands intently.... they will only be trying to see if you do have claws.

I Just snarl at them a little and they wont ask to see them closeup. Institute Club
on June 7th and I'm pleased to find out that we will have the pleasure of seeing
we have a room at the Saint Claire Hotel for you I'm sure you will find it
you before you appear at that Club. These Mechanic' players are a pretty
convenient. This is the hotel where we will have dinner with you and where
formidable bunch and have dominated chess in this area ever since the gold rush days.
the exhibition will take place. I already have most of the
boards signed up and I expect a considerable number of spectators.

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you involved in some set up that would tire you out before the exhibition and I
was afraid that you would be imposed upon if some event was scheduled the following day
So we can both forget this and maybe we can concentrate on your local show.

You will find some very strong opponents at the exhibition but there will also be
a number of very inexperienced players. Our best local player is Bill
Adams.

What time do you expect to arrive in San Jose and how do you plan to travel ? If
you could let me know in advance, I will see that some one meets you on arrival at
San Jose and takes you to the hotel. I would also like to know if you have some
special requests... like having hot coffee available during the exhibition. Have
you any objection to photographers taking pictures ?

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Dear Mary Bain;

I have just answered a phone call from a Father Swain, a member of the faculty of the Bellermin (Catholic) School and the counsoylor of the school chess club. He will play one board and have four of his club players. they are about 17-19 and I dont think they are any better than the usual student of that age. Father Swain claims to be a very moderate player..... and it would be nice.... if he did not lose too quickly.

I notice in the Cal Chess Reporter that you will play at Mechanics' Institute Club on June 7th and I'm pleased to find out that we will have the pleasure of seeing you before you appear at that Club. Those Mechanic' players are a pretty formidable bunch and have dominated chess in this area ever since the gold rush days. I already have most of the boards signed up and I expect a con. Sincerely yours, of spectators.

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