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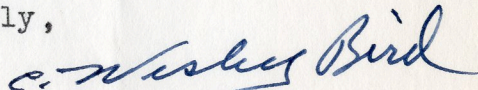
Dear Mrs. Piatigorsky:

I congratulate you on one of the most impressive demonstrations of devotion to an ideal in the history of cultural activities. The successful Chess Tournament that you have so brilliantly sponsored is a testimonial to your managerial ability, to your unselfishness and to the enthusiasm you have maintained through the years for chess.

I have known of you for a long time and have seen you and your illustrious husband in the distance on various occasions. Our good friend Steiner used to speak of you with admiration. Your husband played his first concert in our college, Oberlin (Ohio), the year I received my M.A. degree there. I have enjoyed, as have many of our friends, the delightful book he wrote on his life as a 'cellist. You have both contributed immeasurably to the culture of our age. You have many admirers and we are all deeply grateful to you.

Please accept my hearty thanks for the opportunity to see the great players of our time in action and for the smooth way in which the tournament was conducted. I am writing to Mr. Kashdan, also, to thank him for the splendid coverage he gave the event in the Los Angeles Times and in the bulletins sent to us. It was all in the very highest tradition and in the best taste.

Yours sincerely,



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