

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

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Mrs. Jacqueline Piatigorsky 400 S. Bundy Drive Los Angeles, CA 90049

Dear Mrs. Piatigorsky,

Forgive me if I take a little more of your time on behalf of Terry Breckner, the deaf-blind chess player, for whom we are trying to raise funds for his trip to West Germany in May.

To date, our efforts have resulted in acquiring only about \$500 which is far short of the \$3000 needed for him and his wife who will be his attendant on the trip.

My efforts to interest the American Chess Foundation have brought no response nor have local chess clubs contributed any amount. The local Lions Clubs have already made up their annual budgets and cannot offer any assistance. Even organizations of the blind, to which I appealed, have not responded to date.

The deaf community has contributed generously but being few in number cannot raise much.

Beyond offering me advice on whom to contact, such as yourself, Mr. Koltanowski has not publicized Terry in the San Francisco Chronicle. Anyway I'll write to him again to stress our urgent need. He is far more experienced in such matters than I am.

If you can offer me some guidance, I shall appreciate it very much since time is getting short for the purchase of their tickets in order to take advantage of low fares.

Thank you very much for anything you can do for Terry.

Sincerely,

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