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Mrs. Jacqueline Piatigorsky  
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Dear Mrs. Piatigorsky:

It was your idea, and a truly wonderful one, so I trust you will be interested in the enclosed details of the Ninth Annual Invitational U.S. Junior Chess Championship.

The success of this tournament in furthering junior chess manifests itself in many ways. USCF now has 24,000 Junior Members! More and more of our top-rated players have not yet reached their 21st birthday. This year, for only the second time, every contestant in the Junior Invitational is a Master. Most encouraging of all, I think, is the geographic spread. Not too many years ago, the promising young players were pretty well concentrated in the New York area. This year, only two of the eight top juniors are from New York City. Nor are the others all in California--one each from Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Iowa.

By mid-July, I will send you a copy of our news release with the final results in the Junior.

My warmest personal regards to you and to Gregor.

Cordially,

  
E. B. EDMONDSON  
Executive Director

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