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Mr. Roman Totenberg,
c/o Mrs. Tracy Dows,
3126 "O" St.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Totenberg:

I received your program for the White House Musicale after the Vice President's Dinner on January 2, 1936 at 10 P.M.

On account of your absence from New York, I could not get in touch with you, but communicated with Mr. Sandor, to whom I expressed a surprise that the first group consisted practically of all Spanish compositions. I requested Mr. Sandor to communicate with you and he sent me the numbers, as they appear on the copy of the program inclosed.

Let me assure you, dear Mr. Totenberg, the change is not made in a spirit of criticism, but the programs of the White House are most appreciated, when they reflect a variety of talent and a diversity of composers.

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to extend to you, the President's and her own invitation to be their Dinner guest before the Musicale, January 2, 1936 at 8 o'clock at the White House. Miss Lily Pons and Miss Cornelia Otis Skinner, who share the program with you, were also invited, but both have sent their profound regrets, in view of the emotion incident to these formal Dinners, which might not be conducive toward bringing forth their very best on this occasion.

If you, however, would like to accept, will you kindly telephone upon receipt of this letter to Mrs. Helm, Mrs. Roosevelt's Social Secretary, at the White House, informing her of your decision.

I am looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you on the 2nd of January, 1936.

All the other artists and I are staying at the Mayflower in Washington and expect to arrive there about 2 P.M. on January 2.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Henry Jung



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Enclosure