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1 letter from D.H. — to Leonard Bernstein (Orchestra conductor, N. York)

— " — — — to Renata Tebaldi (Opera singer, N. York)

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The splendid concert which celebrated, on Wednesday night, one of the most important anniversaries in the United Nations calendar--Human Rights Day--owed so much to your brilliant participation that I should not wish you to regard this merely as a formal letter of thanks, but rather as an expression of my deep appreciation of the continuing generosity which you show to the United Nations and all it stands for.

It seemed to me that we had on this occasion a beautifully balanced programme, magnificently executed. The choice of the Prokofiev Fifth Symphony proved, I think, to have been a most happy one.

I should also like you to convey my thanks to the members of the Orchestra who gave such a fine performance.

It is always a great pleasure for me to welcome you in United Nations Headquarters.

My warmest thanks and good wishes to your wife and yourself.

Yours very sincerely,

Dag Hammarskjöld  
Secretary-General

Mr. Leonard Bernstein  
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*Orchestra conductor*

12 December 1958

May I express to you my deep gratitude for participating in the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights. Your beautiful performance of the moving arias of Puccini and Verdi will long remain in the memory, not only of those in the hall, but of the many thousands who heard the concert in their homes.

I especially appreciate your generous gesture in coming to the United Nations on this important day, since I know of your very heavy and taxing schedule of performances during the Metropolitan Opera Season. I hope we will have many occasions in the future to welcome you to United Nations Headquarters.

Again, my warmest thanks and good wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

Dag Hammarskjöld  
Secretary-General

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