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Mr. Emil Hilb
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Dear Mr. Hilb.

The plans for the foundation of an International Institute of Music have been studied thoroughly by me. From various personal interviews with you, you must have gained the assurance that I am fullheartedly in accord with the great cultural and educational advantages such an institution would offer.

It has always been my ambition to perpetuate my artistic experiences of a lifetime in the field of piano - playing and composition to coming generations. And the same ambition is shared with me by several world-renowned artists, who thus far have not lent their artistic experiences to any existing institution of musical learning.

I shall therefore be very glad to place myself at the disposal of an institution that would develop the highest musical culture.

The aims I would pursue as head of such an

institution are laid down in detail in a special article, which I take pleasure in enclosing.

Knowing you to be a man of ideals, of energy and of organizing ability, I do not entertain the least doubt that your effort in behalf of the foundation of a National Master Institute of Music will be crowned with success.

You will find me ready at all times to assist you in this matter to the best of my ability.

With best wishes, I am,

sincerely yours,

Leopold Godowsky