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My dear Mr. Howard:

Mr. Godowsky is greatly disturbed about his failure to acknowledge ere this the receipt of your letters of various dates. His recent bereavement distressed him to such an extent that he found it impossible to give any attention whatever to his accumulated correspondence. Even at this writing, he is unfortunately again prevented from writing you in person, a rather painful attack of arthritis confining him to his bed.

Not to leave you any longer without word from him, he asked me, a friend of long standing, to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letters, and to write you on his behalf.

Mr. Godowsky deeply appreciates your interest in and your enthusiasm for his compositions, and he is looking with keen anticipation to the time when he can personally thank you for all your efforts in his behalf.

At the outset, I might state that the announced Master Class in New York from June 25 to August 4 will make it impossible for Mr. Godowsky to come to Australia before October next, and perhaps not until next year.

A too-hurried preparation of a Master Class in far-away Australia, similar to that in New York, would really be detrimental to its success. Mr. Godowsky is inclined to believe that it would be advisable to postpone his coming to Australia until later in the year, or until 1935, so that ample time may be taken in preparing the ground for him.

You will find it quite natural that in undertaking a journey that involves so much time and expense, certain guarantees will have to be forthcoming before Mr. Godowsky can definitely decide on this journey.