Bennington College
Bennington, Vermont
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Mrs. Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge
Hotel 2400 Sixteenth Street N. W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Coolidge:

Just a note to tell you how pleased we were at the success of the performances in Washington, for as far as I can see everything did go off smoothly.

We were very pleased to have the reviews the other day and find that for the most part the critics were with us.

May I tell you too how very happy I am about your commissioning the works for Martha. May I say from the bottom of my heart that it gave her an absolutely new lease on things. She has been a completely different woman since, and to have that work to look forward to in between time will buoy her up marvelously. I can't wait to see what will come out of the collaboration with Copeland and Villa-Lobos!

Please give my kindest remembrances to your daughter-in-law.

With my best regards and many thanks,

Sincerely,

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Erick Hawkins