December 17, 1943

Mr. Erick Hawkins
66 Fifth Avenue
New York City 11

Dear Mr. Hawkins:

Thank you so much for your kind invitation to attend the concert by Martha Graham on December 26. I of course knew of this performance and had hoped to be able to attend but it is unfortunately impossible for me to be there. All Government employees are enjoined from traveling from December 16 ~~and~~ to January 10, so even if I could make it, I would be prevented from going. Please convey to Martha Graham my best wishes for a successful concert.

Under separate cover I am sending you the part of the score which was sent us by Chávez. When you see how precious little we have, you will understand why I did not send it to you before. I can hardly imagine that Miss Graham will have enough even to start work on. I do hope that Copland will send me his work. Has he delayed because he has written only a piano part and not yet orchestrated?it?

As things stand now, there is little chance of our being able to present this work this spring. In fact, I spoke to Mrs. Coolidge about it the other day and we practically decided on its presentation on October 30, 1944 which will be her eightieth birthday. We may decide to repeat the program on the 31st.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold Spivacke
Chief, Music Division

HS
fg