

August 17, 1944

Mr. Erick Hawkins
Bennington College
Bennington, Vermont



Dear Mr. Hawkins:

Thank you very much for your letter and estimate of cost. I have been studying your budget and will take it up with Mrs. Coolidge as soon as possible. You are correct in your assumption that governmental restrictions will prevent us from allowing you any leeway, and once we decide on a final figure, you will have to stick to it.

Your budget for salaries is not very clear. For one thing, what if any extra expenses would there be for a second performance on October 31? I should also like to know whether you have included anywhere the expenses of living in Washington particularly for the ten dancers whom you list at \$55. per week. Finally will you please find out from Louis Horst whether or not he would want to use all the musicians at rehearsals in New York, or whether he will rehearse with piano in New York and wants me to assemble the orchestra in Washington. As soon as you get me this information I shall communicate with Mrs. Coolidge and rush through to a final decision. Please do it at once.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Harold Spivacke
Chief, Music Division

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cc to New York address