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Dear Roman,

Heartiest congratulations on your 90th birthday and your outstanding survival abilities. Every time I see you, you seem younger, in any case still as active and eager to make great music.

I especially cherish our collegial friendship, since you have been a true comerade-

in-arms in always performing new music along with the great standard repertory.

All the best wishes to you, and many more years of happy music making!

As ever,

Gunther