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Dear Mr. Leonard Bernstein -

my wife and I were very delighted to make your acquaintance when you visited Copenhagen. We feel it as though we had known each other for years. And now I look forward to your, Mr. Bernstein, and my common journey to my great old friend, dr. Albert Schweitzer. It is deeply graven in my mind, that I will meet you the first of September at 12 o'clock in the bar of Hotel Ritz, Paris. Now, you will find me there.

The tickets are clear, but as a non-Croisus I would be lucky, if you - so soon as possibly - would transmit me the sum for your air-ticket from Paris to Lambaréné and return, in danish crowns something less than 5000.--, that means about 700 dollars. In Paris I will pay you back the surplus.

I have just written to dr. Schweitzer about your companionship and there will no confusion. But it is necessary, that you contact the representation of République Gabonaise to get your visum (do it so soon as possible!!) and that you get vaccinations against yellow fever and small pox. I send to you enclosed two copies from my travel bureau with informations concerning that.

I must thank so much for the kind letter from your wife before your departure from Copenhagen. As a matter of fact, Mrs Sonning asked me several times, if I heard from you, but I denied, because she herself not got a "last" greeting from you. But I comforted her and said that I was sure that it will come. I would be glad and I know, that Mrs. Léonie Sonning (Vestersøgade 44, Copenhagen V.) would jump of joy (and add it to her other sweet memories of Churchill, Schweitzer, Russell, Strawinsky and others), if you would send her a little letter and perhaps add, that you after this visit in Denmark will take some other compositions of Carl Nielsen in your programme and so on, you know... I guess, she is thirsty for such a little written publication from you. But, of course, you don't have to mention me as an inspirator. I hope you will forgive me this little intrigue.

Now I hope to hear some few lines from you, and I am "longing" for your money. I am glad to meet you soon, unfortunately without your wife, who charmed all of us.

Sincerely yours