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REMARKS

APRIL 2, 1975

THANK YOU SO MUCH. THE LUNCHEON HAS BEEN WONDERFUL,  
AND I HAVE THOROUGHLY ENJOYED MEETING AND VISITING WITH  
ALL OF YOU ~~MRS. CHANDLER~~, I THANK YOU AND ALL THE  
MEMBERS OF THE BLUE RIBBON 400 FOR INVITING ME TO BE A  
PART, THE HONOR HAS BEEN TRULY MINE.

*This is an event for sometime*  
I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR LUNCHEON

*Not only both* BECAUSE OF MY INTEREST IN THE ARTS ~~AND~~ *but also* BECAUSE OF

MY GREAT ADMIRATION FOR YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS. I UNDERSTAND  
YOU HAVE RAISED OVER <sup>dollars</sup> \$4 MILLION FOR THE MUSIC CENTER OVER  
THE PAST 6 YEARS. <sup>really</sup> YOU DESERVE TO BE CALLED "AMAZING".

AS YOU MAY KNOW, ~~I HAVE SPENT~~ A GOOD PART OF  
*has been spent*  
MY LIFE WORKING WITH CHILDREN IN THE FIELDS OF MUSIC  
AND DANCE, YOUR FOCUS ON CHILDREN AND THE ARTS  
CONSEQUENTLY IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO ME.

I HAVE ALWAYS FELT IT VERY IMPORTANT FOR  
YOUNGSTERS TO GROW UP WITH THE ARTS AS A VERY INTEGRAL  
PART OF THEIR LIVES -- TO GROW UP KNOWING MUSIC AND ART  
AND LITERATURE AS SOMETHING CLOSE TO THEM -- SOMETHING  
WHICH IS EXCITING AND FUN.

*Something to grow with --  
Something to broaden their vision --*

YOU APPARENTLY FEEL THE SAME WAY, AND I AM GRATEFUL  
FOR WHAT YOU ARE DOING TO HELP MAKE THIS HAPPEN IN THE LOS  
ANGELES AREA.

I THINK WHAT MATTERS IS THAT BY OPENING OURSELVES  
UP TO THE ENDLESS EXPRESSIONS AVAILABLE IN ART, WE OPEN  
OUR SENSES AND MINDS TO ALL KINDS OF NEW EXPERIENCES. AND  
THROUGH THIS WE <sup>do</sup>GROW. THIS IS WHAT MAKES ART SO IMPORTANT.

IT'S A PLEASURE BEING HERE WITH YOU AND BEING ABLE  
TO BE A PART OF WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO DO. YOU ARE DOING A

FANTASTIC JOB AND YOU CAN BE ASSURED I WILL BE WATCHING  
YOUR ACTIVITIES WITH GREAT INTEREST.

*Thank you again for  
allowing me to spend this  
time with you -*