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Dear Dean Patterson:

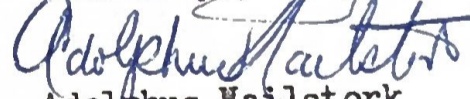
I wish to express my appreciation to you for your part as initiator and coordinator of my visiting professorship under the auspices of the King/Parks/Chavez program. I consider that week in Ann Arbor one of the most stimulating professional experiences I have ever had.

The concert on Sunday, September 28th was unprecedented in my career. In fact, a one-person concert of the music of any living composer is a rare and special moment in his or her life. Words seem inadequate to express my great feelings toward you for making this possible.

It was a joy to meet so many fine people - faculty, students, and staff. The students were bright, warm, and earnest, the faculty members were forthcoming and supportive, and the staff, especially Ms. Burton, was peerless in its efforts.

I thank you, and the University of Michigan for the opportunity to be with you, and to share in our common pursuit of excellence for all in music education.

Sincerely yours,



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