

July 10, 1971

Allan Jaffe  
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Dear Allan and Sandra:

I was naturally sad that the visit of the Red Beans was not an ~~entire~~ success. I still haven't learned the details but am sure that it was largely due to their enthusiasm and drive, plus communications difficulties.

I was disappointed to hear George Wein say that he "kicked them off the program" for some apparent offense. Their enthusiasm for the music, and the musicians is unique to the continent and to France. Their talent is remarkable, and I personally find Patrick the most exciting New Orleans trumpet player alive.

They plan to return next year and I hope their, and your understanding will heal any wounds of the last visit.

You may have heard that, from the lack of funds, they had to abandon their bass at the New Orleans Airport. They have really nothing to play on in Paris. Dave's parents are keeping it for them, and I, unfortunately have lost their name and address. Could I impose on you to tell them to ship it, at my expense, in the safest way, air freight, care of:

Gerard Conte  
13 Passage Trubert-Bellier  
Paris 13, FRANCE

John and I much enjoyed our weekend at the festival, in your great house (and sunken tub)! Nelly is sending a couple of pairs of lederhosen for your 2 lads. She has just gone to visit relatives in Corfu and I am winding up my Sabbatical as a hardworking bachelor, with an occasional jaunt to the mountains. We had Calude Luter here last week, but otherwise have little musical activity.

Regards to all,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.

P.S. Also regards to Al and Risa, Larry and Pat and to the Osaka Raskals

HB/rs

Dictated from Geneva