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Dear Allen and Sandy:

I don't recall if I've written recently, as my life is as hectic as yours. But a very fine thing has happened in France, the first group with a real New Orleans feeling and orientation, and with an affinity for contemporary New Orleans has developed. The group is young--The Red Beans--(Les Haricots Rouge) and technically great. They plan to come with Barry Martyn's flight to the Festival.

It would be great for them; and for the stimulus in Europe, if you and George Wein could find an hour for them to appear, say on the outdoors program, just so they could say they appeared.

Another question is Woody Allen who wants to come but feels uncomfortable without me as a guide. I am sure you will make him as comfortable as is possible, and I hope you can put him with some quiet small group sessions.

As for me, I haven't touched my horn in Europe! I would love to come and relax awhile but am tentatively planning to fly straight through on Friday, April 23, from an engagement in Marselles, hopefully arriving that evening.

Hope to see you soon.

Regards,

Henry Blackburn

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Dictated from Geneva