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Jaffe's
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Dear Allan and Sandra:

We think of you often, and follow events from afar. I have been very disappointed in the coldness of Geneva, the musicians among others. But it was compensated by finding the "Red Beans" in Paris. They will come with Barry Martyn and crew for the festival. It is the first French group with a real N.O. orientation, and can be very important for the future preservation of the idiom in Europe.

I still dream and hope to join them and you for the last days of the festival. I have a lecture series in Marseilles through the 22nd of April but hope to hop a jet the next day and catch a parade or two. Will you and George Wien invite Woody Allen this year? George is bringing Lionel Hampton to Geneva this week but I will be out of town.

My work here is primarily P.R., bringing French and U. S. medicine closer together and trying to stimulate research and social programs of prevention of heart disease. This proves to be difficult, but fun.

My horns are rusty, as I can't even play in my apartment! But there are compensations, including a gift from a patient of one of the first soprano saxes made by Adolph Sax himself.

Regards to Larry and Pat, Al and Risa, and to all,

Henry and Nelly Blackburn

HB/rs

Dictated from Geneva