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My dear Mrs Behr,

I received yesterday in excellent condition the wonderful photograph of your great-uncle and the copy of his appointment as U.S.A. Consul signed by Abr.Lincoln. As it is dated february 14, and as President Lincoln has been killed exactly two month later, it is possible that this appointment has been the last or one of the last signed by him.

I am very very grateful indeed to you for the mailing of these two documents; I would like to know the amount of yours expense, so that I may return your kindness.

I guess that Consul Thayer in order to be able to execute his appointment in Austria, has received also an "exequatur" from Emperor Franck Joseph I<sup>o</sup>, who was reigning at the time. Has this document be saved ?

In case of it's existence, may I have a photocopy, please ? Thank you ! In your kind letter of April 2 you tell me that you have many photoprphs of Beethoven and his family, a shirt and some locks of his hair. These are all very interesting souvenirs of the great musician that could be shown. Would you be favourable dispased to bend them for exhibition ?

I dave not ask you if you were inclined to give these souvenirs, as I think you wish to keep them.

Thanks again, dear Mrs Behr, for your kindness!

With all my best wishes

Sincerely yours

*Nino Pontini*

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