

May 28, 1975

Mr. Loris Tjeknavorian  
c/o Mr. Basil Ramsey  
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1-3 Upper James Street  
London W1, England

Dear Loris:

I have given your tapes to the Archbishop, and to several others, for their reaction to the music itself, as well as for any ideas on the possibility of orchestral concerts here. The reaction has been extremely favorable.

Community circumstances, however, prevent any large-scale undertaking this year.

1976 offers great opportunities. It is the bicentennial year in the course of which our Diocese is planning a number of important events. In addition, His Holiness is visiting America in the spring, and other events are being planned for that.

All of which will, we think, lend themselves to the orchestral presentation of your work.

We cannot say for sure yet, since the planning is beginning only now. But before we get too much further in our thinking, I must know from you if a visit is possible in the spring of 1976.

As soon as we know of your availability, we can know better how to proceed. I was delighted to meet you all, and hope we will be able to meet again here.

Sincerely,

Jack Antreassian

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Rev. Dr. J. P. September 19, 1975  
Miami

Dear Archbishop Mancoogian,

In response to your letter dated June 4, I would be happy to serve as an Honorary Member of the Bicentennial Committee of the Armenian Diocese.

Thank you for thinking of me. Maritza, Garo Jr. and I send our warmest regards to you and hope to see you someday in the near future.

Sincerely,

Garo Gevorgian

June 4, 1975

Mr. Garo Yepremian  
97-31 S.W. 157th Street Terrace  
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Yepremian:

The celebration of the bicentennial of the United States has already begun, with all levels of government as well as private organizations planning all sorts of events to mark the occasion over the next eighteen months.

We feel it is most fitting for our Diocese as well in its own way to celebrate this great milestone; it is most fitting for us to pay our own special tribute to a country where our first Church was consecrated eighty-four years ago, and where our people have settled, lived and flourished.

We are beginning to make extensive plans for a series of events appropriate to the occasion. It is our expectation that His Holiness Vasken I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, will visit here in April 1976, a visit that will be one of the high points of our year.

We are beginning to organize committees and the necessary leadership for our celebrations.

We are writing to you as a leading figure in our national life to ask that you serve as an honorary member of the Bicentennial Committee of the Armenian Diocese. Because we know how great the demands are on your time, we assure you that such a designation will entail no specific responsibilities - though we may call on you personally for counsel and consultation - but will merely indicate your support of Diocesan undertakings in celebration of this occasion. It is a support we value highly.

May we hear from you at your earliest convenience?

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Torkom Manougian  
Primate