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Mr. Agustin Basave
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Dear Sir:-

My son YEHUDI MENUHIN, as you have probably read, is now in Europe, touring together with his famous sister HEPHZIBAH MENUHIN (NICHOLAS) in Joint Sonata concerts in the Capitals of Europe: London, Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam & The Hague, Zurich, Budapest, etc etc.

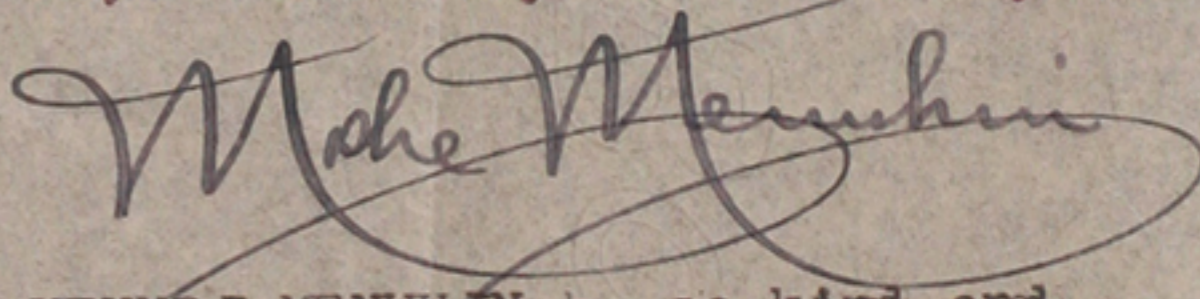
As his father and secretary, I permit myself to send you the required material for which you asked in your letter addressed to my son. I am sure the enclosed will give you plenty of information, and, to bring it all up to date, I have also enclosed herewith a few clippings from various newspapers which will bring matters completely up-to-date, covering such items as the new musical film (THE "MAGIC BOW" on the life of Paganini) which my son made in London recently, and which is being shown now in the USA with great success. I imagine that it will soon come to Mexico as well, since the British films have outlets in your country as in here.

May I state the following: My wife and I have just had the great joy of visiting your wonderful, lovely, country, and, even though our son Yehudi has prepared us for a great treat because of his description of your country and people, - my wife and I found everything he said to be not only true, but the actuality surpassed all our expectations! Americans are too ignorant of your country! They do not have the least idea how civilised, how dignified, how fine, how human, how sympathetic, your Mexican people is! The lowliest Indian shows testimony of an old, fine, deep civilisation, which surpasses in fact many of our so called modern civilisations, and the dignity with which they bear themselves, the goodness, the sympathy, the humanity they show, attracts the heart and makes one love your people, sympathise with them, admire them, and with it comes a wish to return again and again to visit them, to know them better, to love them more! Your country is an ideal land of a unique climate, and, we certainly plan on returning to visit it in the years to come!!

We were in Mexico six weeks, and each day was a holiday!

Sincerely yours,

Moshe Menuhin



NB: When you publish your story about YEHUDI MENUHIN, be so kind and mail me half a dozen copies of your article; in fact, send me please the whole issue (six copies) of your paper. THANK YOU !..M.M.