

March 14, 1956

Dear Impresario,

Thank you for your first letter, which is difficult to answer precisely and even more difficult to act upon. I am doing my best however. Hence, I turn to your second letter.

Any date that you suggest will be alright with me. Why not let it be Thursday May 10, 4:40 pm, with a highball or what not to follow. Program has as yet not been made so I do not know whether Mr. and Madam[e<sup>1</sup>] Sevchenko are going to join me; since we however, will be together at D.O., details can easily be discussed. April would not be so good, because April 27th I have to be in Cambridge, I do not believe there is any possibility to combine Pokie<sup>2</sup> with Boston.

I read your amusing letter to Pan[**ofsky**] who may have answered it by now. No, helmet on the ground would imply defeated enemy and the girl is sure to be full-bosomed France herself; hence I am afraid you cannot drag Diane de Poitiers into your triumphal carriage.<sup>3</sup> Leave her in her bath tub where she looks quite pretty. Incidentally (and only for your information), Pan talked about you to your president,<sup>4</sup> but this may not affect her movements very much, if you see what I mean. Last week in March, if you mean the very last days of March, would be alright. Before that I am having a number of engagements.

Your 3 X 5 is returned with a note on the back of it.

Love,

EKa [Signed]

P.S. Margie thought she had to copy this letter once more and therefore did not use stationery with Institute letterhead. If you can, forgive her. She at any rate forgives you.

PPS. Thanks for returning Igor's favorite slippers. He missed them dreadfully and thanks you too. Margie [penned in].

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<sup>1</sup> Added, by hand by Margie Ševčenko, accompanied by “!!” in the right margin.

<sup>2</sup> Poughkeepsie, N.Y., where Vassar College is located.

<sup>3</sup> Remarks relevant to an article I was composing; though never published, it is reproduced on this website under the title “Henri II Medals Re-Viewed “,

<sup>4</sup> Sarah Gibson Blanding. Panofsky had been one of the speakers at a Renaissance Colloquy I had helped organize at Vassar.

