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Dear Maitre et Magister Musicae Constant,

On December 13 of 1968, in Cocanut Grove, Florida, our house burned down. Many things were lost; many things were spared. As I told you once earlier, among the things spared was the set of litho's New Babylon; only the cover was damaged. Among the things lost were almost my entire library of books, a Lucebert, an Armando, a Cramer, an Appel, etc., as well as a Corot that had been bequeathed to me upon his death by Dr. Jan Noest, Keel Neus Oor Arts, of Baarn.

The enclosed charred book, as you can see, also survived the fire. It was given to me by Oom Jan before his death and at times has given me great pleasure.

As I know you are a francophile I want you now to have it, and I hope it will at times also give you pleasure.

Our love to you and Trudy.

Hope to see you again soon,

As ever,

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