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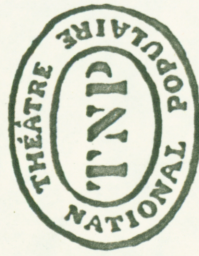
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PARIS, FRANCE ..... JANUARY 19, 1974



DEAR DR. JESSYE: IT IS NOW FORTY YEARS SINCE YOU FIRST INTRODUCED ME TO THE BROADWAY STAGE IN 'FOUR SAINTS IN THREE

ACTS." HERE IN PARIS WITH THEATRE NATIONAL POPULAIRE, THE FRENCH NATIONAL THEATRE, I WAS RUNNING DOWN THE 'FIRSTS' FOR ME ASSOCIATED WITH YOURSELF. DO YOU REMEMBER THE FIRST BROADCAST TO RUSSIA OVER THE HUDSON ESSEX RADIO OVER NBC. THE FIRST NATIONAL BROADCAST OF 'BALLAD FOR AMERICANS' WITH PAUL ROBESON AS SOLOIST... ALSO THE FIRST TELEVISION PERFORMANCE OF 'PARADISE LOST & REGAINED' IN BOSTON FOR WHICH I WAS NARRATOR NUMBER ONE..... SUMMER CHATAUQUA, CORNING, NY MANY RADIO SPECIALS FEATURING THE EVA JESSYE CHOIR... UNUSUAL PROGRAM IDEAS

IN GREENE, NEW HAMPSHIRE... AT THE BROOKLYN MUSEUM WHEN A FEATURE WAS THE YOUNG LESLIE UGGAMS.... SO MANY OTHER OCCASIONS, TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION. I DO WISH I COULD BE WITH YOU WHEN YOU ARE HONORED IN ANN ARBOR. BUT IN TRUTH, THEY HONOR THEMSELVES FOR THOSE YOU HAVE HELPED IN THE ARTS ARE LEGION. YOU ARE AN INSPIRATION TO OTHERS WHO MUST BE SHOWN THE WAY. GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU

*Amie*  
*Robeson*