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MSTISLAV ROSTROPOVICH is a very generous, warm-hearted and wholly delightful human being, brimming over with intelligence, wit and spontaneous charm, a cellist of genius, the best since Casals, and a brave man who has proved himself a friend in adversity of victims of political injustice, displaying true civic courage. I am glad to have the opportunity of paying my personal tribute, on the occasion of his fiftieth birthday, to a great and noble artist whom I love and admire.

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