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Dear Dr Calvo,

Given the current circumstances surrounding some unfounded allegations of sexual misconduct against me, I write to request an extended leave until the completion of the trials.

I propose to devote the time to the preparation of my defence. In pursuit of this task, it is necessary for me to have access to my defence lawyers as often as needed without the burden of teaching.

I would like this leave to begin on 8 July, 2004.

I would also like to express my deep appreciation for the support that the Institute has provided so far.

Naturally, I would ensure that the teaching programs at the Institute will continue uninterrupted in my absence.

I realise that this request is a costly one for the Institute. However I am looking forward for a favourable response from the Institute in order to further assist me at these difficult times.

Yours sincerely,



Professor Victor Makarov
Head of Piano