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Dear Mr Söderhäll

In response to your kind invitation I request you to accept my deep cordial thanks for your valuable efforts to honour me with planning for superb programmes and providing air tickets for my trip.

There is no need to say how eager I was to enjoy such a meeting with you, other members of the Dagerman Society, and your esteemed guests. This would have been a unique opportunity to express my gratitude for your invitation, and to enjoy and treasure the memory of visiting the birthplace of such a prominent artist. These would have been exciting memories that unfortunately will be replaced by my deep sorrow for not being able to enjoy them due to my physical condition physicians' recommendation.

However, my dear friend and translator, Ms Azar Mahloujian, will represent me wherever my physical presence is required.

With deep thanks to you, dear Mr Söderhäll, and those sympathetic friends of whose opportune meeting I am unfortunately denied.

Sincerely yours.

Ahmad Shamlu

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MS' with a flourish below it.

cc: Mr Arne Ruth with thanks for his goodness