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Mr. K. Smith,  
The Musical Director,  
Southampton Youth Orchestra.

Dear Keith,

I do hope that you and the Southampton Youth Orchestra have fully recovered from what proved to be such a tremendous success for all of us with our concert 2 weeks ago. Having begun to take stock, we realise just how much work you and the Orchestra put in and of course we all look back with delight at what a splendid and professional performance we were treated to. I am sorry there was so much hassle over Patrick Moore's music but at the end of the day everything worked smoothly and certainly no-one would know that it was only on the day that some of the music could have been tested by your team.

Our own feeling in the Children's Unit at the hospital was that this was such a tremendous success that we would like to probe the possibility of perhaps an annual joint venture of some sort. Your own Orchestra are of such high quality that a celebrity certainly is not needed but it might be that the Orchestra themselves enjoy sharing the stage with a major musician or a celebrity such as Patrick Moore (if any other such individual exists).

At this stage all I wanted to do was to thank you so much for your support and for giving us the privilege of being associated with your magnificent Orchestra in this way. It may be that when the dust has settled and you are beginning to look into next year's programme you would favourably consider some joint venture again, perhaps at the same time of year. In any event, on behalf of the staff and the patients that we serve, I thank you.

Yours sincerely,

C.J. Rolles

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