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48 Oaklea Avenue,

Hoole,

Chester,

England.

Dear Gordon & Lee,

I was fortunate enough to serve eighteen months of my National Service at SHAPE HQ in Paris, and during this period I was many times a visitor to L'Abbaye, where I passed some of the most moving evenings of my stay in Paris.

When I returned to England I brought with me one of your discs - 'Big Rock Candy Mountains', 'Jacob's ladder', etc - which has given my friends and myself many hours of pleasure, and with which I am able to Break Bread Together with you both and recall the glorious evenings which I passed listening to you.

On my last visit to L'Abbaye, Lee told me that a French record company would shortly be issuing

recordings of some of your songs; so I am writing to you to ask you to be kind enough to send me details of these recordings - Company, number, title of song and price - and I would be very grateful also if you would send me the names of the pieces on your other Electra disc - 'Encores from L'Abbaye' (?).

Before I close I would like to congratulate you, Gordon, on your fine performance as Othello on television, - it was splendid, but (and here I voice a horror which has been with me since I saw the play!), - please don't ever desert singing to return to acting - Othello's are 10 a penny. L'Abbaye is unique.

I hope that you are both well in body and voice and that 1956 will be a prosperous year for you. With my best wishes to you both, and the hope of getting across to hear you sometime, I remain,

Your admirer,

Michael Hughes.

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