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To The Yale Russian Chorus Alumni:

I would like to congratulate the Yale Russian Chorus, Founding Conductor Denis Mickiewicz, and all the other artists of this great Chorus on its 50th Anniversary!

For 50 years you have linked Russia and the United States, during which time you made 16 tours to the USSR. Thank you for this remarkable accomplishment, for your work in propagating the wonderful choral music of Russia, and for your idea of achieving understanding between our peoples through music.

I wish everyone of you much health, luck, and the strength to continue your wonderful work!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Rostropovich". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "M" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.