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March 6, 1984.

Dear Mr. Hucko,

I hope that this letter finds you and your wife well and that you had an enjoyable and successful tour to Scandinavia (at least I think that's where you told me you were going) last November.

It was a pleasure to have met you here, last September. If you recall, I was the fellow who had painted a watercolour portrait of you and asked you to autograph it for me. I then added it to the collection of almost 50 such signed portraits of jazz greats of the 1930's and 40's.

As you requested, I'm sending to you a copy of that painting. Despite my tardiness, please accept it with my compliments. Should you ever be interested in obtaining an original watercolour, please let me know.

I'm always wanting to add more portraits to this series. I could obtain the autographs on the paintings, through the mail. Would you be kind enough to supply me with the addresses of some of your past and present colleagues: Trummy Young, Ray McKinley, Will Bradley, Zeke Zarchy, Mel Powell, Les Brown and Bob Crosby.

Last autumn, I meant to ask you a couple of questions, but I forgot:

- who is responsible for giving you the name of "Peanuts"?
- lately I've been listening to some marvellous recordings by the Glenn Miller AAF Band (featuring yourself, of course). I consider it to be the finest concert swing orchestra of all time. How did you feel about the band at that time and what impressions do you have of it now, 40 years later?

If you remember, I am planning to have an exhibition of my oil paintings in Tokyo in the spring of 1985. We talked for quite a while about Japan ... do you have plans to return to Japan in the near future? Incidentally, one of my favourite jazzy spots in Tokyo is "Birdland". I'm sure that you've been there.

I'll close now with my best wishes to you, take care of yourself and I will look forward to hearing from you.

yours very truly,  
David Jones.

P.S. Happy Birthday on April 7<sup>th</sup>!