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Professor Richard Long
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Dear Richard:

After several months of preparation since you saw Carlos Moore last October in New York, we have finally gotten to the point where perfect agreement reigns among the fifty-odd people who have taken the bold initiative of convening the World Congress of Black Intellectuals. This event, slated for June 3-9, 1990, will take place at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania.

We all feel that the best person to chair the key International Board of Advisors, the policy-making organ of the Congress, is yourself. To assist you in this task, we have selected as Vice-Chairpersons Rex Nettleford of Jamaica, Abdias do Nascimento of Brazil, and Stanislas S. Adotevi of Benin, along with a Board of thirty-five members.

You will shortly receive a list of the addresses of Board members to whom the enclosed letter of invitation, or one similar to it should be sent. At that time, we will also send you the official Congress letterhead stationary for your use in communicating with the committee members.

Announcements of the plan to convene the Congress must await the confirmation of participation by those whose names appear on our letterhead stationery. Therefore, we would be most appreciative if you would inform us as soon as possible if you will accept or decline this invitation. If we do not hear from you by mid-April, we would like to proceed with the announcement, and Carlos Moore will communicate with you further about our planning activities. We are all looking forward to your joining us in this momentous undertaking.

With warm regards, I am

Yours sincerely,


Maya Angelou
President

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Enclosure

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