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President, Rencontres Culturelles Internationales
Punta Ala
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Dear Dr. Schindler:

I hope you will excuse me for taking so long to answer your letter. I would have very much liked to attend the Congress in Punta Ala but I find it impossible at that particular time.

If I had been able to participate, I would have wanted to talk about the need for greater emphasis on long-term considerations in military matters, especially those matters that could impinge so radically on the very nature of war itself as chemical and biological weapons policies. For your possible interest, I enclose a copy of my testimony before our Senate Foreign Relations Committee held last April.

I hope you will keep me advised of the activities of the International Cultural Centers.

Sincerely yours,

Matthew Meselson
Professor of Biology

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Prof. M. Meselson
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Dear Sir:

Our mutual friend Mr. Stephen R. Graubard has suggested that I meet you.

Please allow me, as President of the International Cultural Centers in Switzerland and Italy, to send you our program and invitation to participate in the Congress "Peering into the Future", in the areas of sciences and economics (September 7-20, 1969).

As a bi-annual meeting with outstanding scholars, we are privileged to have the assistance of the governments of France, Switzerland and Italy. Washington also has granted us tax exempt status and has recognized our public interest.

We are pleased to inform that the congress will be presided over and opened with a formal speech by Bertrand de Jouvenel (Nobel Prize), with the collaboration of the International Institute for Economic Research, Rome.

Your highly qualified lecture at our congress would be most valuable to us. I sincerely hope that, in spite of your important obligations, it will be possible for you to accept our invitation.

If you are available, we will reserve the necessary accommodations at PUNTA ALA, the most beautiful part of the TUSCAN RIVIERA.


Establishing now our American Honor Committee, we have already secured as members, as per enclosed list.

Can you suggest any persons who would be qualified to deliver a talk on any of the subjects mentioned and/or preside over discussions by the participants?

PUNTA ALA, on the seacoast between Rome and Florence, offers the opportunity of combining serious discussion with a RELAXING HOLIDAY, including golf, tennis, fishing, swimming and horseback riding.

I hope that YOU and some of your friends will be able to join us. Please let us know your plans by returning the enclosed card. I would be most grateful for an early reply.

Sincerely yours,


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My mission in the United States is:

- 1) To find a part-time or full-time collaborator and good organizer. I hope you have the good fortune to find one for me.
- 2) To select the top persons in contemporary science, art and economics who merit to be invited to our Center.
- 3) The Ford Foundation is prepared to pay the voyage for our selected lecturers to Europe, but they expect from me some very well-known American names in our Committee. I would be very grateful if you could suggest two or three persons who would be willing to join our U.S.A. Committee. We have already secured as members Arthur Rubinstein, Marshall McLuhan, Bertrand de Jouvenel, Denis de Rougemont and H.E. Fulton J. Sheen.
- 4) To assure in our Center a good balance between every nationality and equivalent quality between American, European and Asian intellectuals, we are looking to establish a campus on a part of our land for some American universities.

Could you propose some universities which would like to share a campus in our wonderful place, near the University of Siena, Pisa, Florence and Rome?

- 5) In order to maintain our reputation of being the finest institution for international cultural meetings in Europe, we wish to find strong financial partners to assure our Center a self-supporting status. Therefore, we have a very attractive real estate program in Italy and Switzerland.

COMMITTEE

to Congress "Shaping the Future" at Punta Ala
September 9-14, 1969
under the patronage of His Exc. Mr. Lauricella,
Minister of Science Research, Rome and
Hon. Mario Zagari, Foreign Office, Rome

Bertrand de Jouvenel, Nobel Prize
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Sir John Fletcher-Cooke, Carnegie Endowment for Intl Peace
Andrew Rice, Executive Secretary for Society International Development
Marshall McLuhan, Center for Culture and Technology, Toronto
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Alfred Tarski, Berkeley
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Denis de Rougemont
Stanislas Ulam, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory
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Albert Maurer, Director Swiss Bank Corp., San Francisco

George Sieber, Director, Poko-Communications Research, Munich

Jean d'Ormesson, Director, Intl Council for Philosophy and Humanistic Studies, Paris

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We would like to invite these personalities to join our Committee.
Could you give us some assistance?

David Bell

Charles Townes, Berkeley

Warren Weaver (Sloan Foundation)

Jonas Salk

Paul Hoffman

George Kennan

J.J. Rabi (M.I.T.)

Dentan Cooley, M.D.

Michael E. DeBakey, M.D., President Baylor

David W. Scott, Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D.C.

N.C. Nielsen (Religious Studies, Rice U.)

Robert LeBaron, Electronic Research

Freeman J. Dyson (Physics, Mathematics), Princeton U., Princeton, N.J.

Herbert Marcuse, Dept. of Philosophy, Univ. of Calif. at San Diego

Roger Guillemin, B.A., B.S., M.D., Ph.D., Biology Research, Baylor College of Medicine

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PUNTA ALA (Grosseto, Italy)

September 9-14, 1969

"A Meeting with those at Punta Ala who will Forecast the Future"

This is a time for peering into the future. The pace and the breadth of changes in the world, of which man is at the same time the frenzied maker and the astonished witness, confront the contemporary world with the question of the nature of the future. Indeed, in the course of centuries, the question of the future has always been a fascinating theme which has challenged man's curiosity; he has looked to the stars, for example, for omens and portents for the future. And sometimes his imagination and romanticism have led him into the realm and art of conjecture as the future has been outlined through the imaginative science fiction writings of Jules Verne, Salgari, Wells, and Huxley. And, too, wise men and fortune tellers continue today -- often for their own profit -- to unmask individual destinies.

But, today, man has become aware of his common as opposed to his individual destiny. This realization is accompanied by a certain collective anxiety: all who set out on the path of progress in the modern world soon become weary and dizzy from the rapid changes occurring around them. And it is at times like these that man falls behind himself and often fails to choose the avenues for his future. Rather, technology chooses it for him. In short, the technology which threatens and menaces us on one hand also offers us the means to control and guide our march into the future. It is now time for man to apply his dreams and desires in such a way that they can dominate the probable which is sketched in the reality of the present.

This is the objective of future research which from known facts will move on to uncover the aspects and nature of tomorrow's world in an effort to synthesize all the disciplines of knowledge.

The International Culture Center, which seeks to bring together creative persons with the view to achieving a better mutual understanding among all peoples, is not able to rest indifferent to such a step which has as its goal the reconciliation of man with his environment and the preservation of human values for the civilization which is to be born.

This first congress for looking into the future, which was organized in close cooperation with the Italian Association for the Future, marks an important occasion for a dialogue among those prominent individuals who have a vision of the future and an elite of responsible men from diverse areas of social and professional life.

Every man of thought or action is concerned with the mystery of the future. We cordially invite you to participate in this look into the future.

PROGRAM

In accordance with the practice of the International Culture Center, the congress will provide for round-table discussions and personal exchanges. In general, the morning session is given for the presentation of the basic issues and the afternoon for questions and discussions.

The following topics will be discussed:

September 10

Opening Ceremony

M. BERTRAND DE JOUVENEL, Nobel Prize Winner
President, International Association for the Future

MARSHALL McLUHAN
HERMAN KAHN
RENE DUBOS

"THE TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTION AND ITS
IMPLICATIONS FOR THE LIVES OF
INDIVIDUALS AND NATIONS"

September 11

RICHARD GARDNER

EUGENE FOLEY

"THE PHENOMENON OF GROWTH AND THE
DIMENSIONS OF THE FUTURE SOCIETY"

"The Confrontation between the
so-called developed countries and
the developing countries"
"The Consumer Society"

September 12

JEANNE HERSCH
DENIS DE ROUGEMONT
ANGELO D'AGOSTINO

"AN OUTLINE OF THE FUTURE FROM THE
STANDPOINT OF WHAT IS DESIRABLE"

September 13

HERMAN KAHN

BISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN
SEYMOUR LEVIN, M.D., Stanford
W.J. RICHARDSON, S.J., Fordham
C. MOONEY, President
Woodstock College
RICHARD HEFFNER, Columbia

"Where is Human Society Going?"

"Civilising the Brain"

"The Philosophy of the Future"

"The Future of Mass Communications"

September 14

Morning Session

LUC SECRETAN (NASA)

DONALD P. CONWELL, M.D., M.P.H.
Dept. of Health, NYC

A. MORACZEWSKI, M.D., O.P.
Texas Medical Center

HILARY KOPROWSKI, M.D., Director
Wistar Institute

"CHANGES IN HUMAN NATURE (SOCIAL, POLITICAL,
ECONOMICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL)

"Space Research"

"Medical Education: Where are we Going?"

"Psychopharmacology in Brain Research"

"The Future of Virology"

ROBERT THEOBALD, Cybernetician
KENNETH VAUX, B.D., Th.D.
Prof. in Ethics, Houston
STANISLAS ULAM, Los Alamos
I. O'HANRAHAN, Psychoanalyst

WM. TOOMEY, Director N.Y. School
Industrial & Labor Relations
EUGENE FOLEY, V-President
Dreyfus Fund
RICHARD V. WEEKES, Director
University of Houston
JOHN HUNT, V-President
Salk Institute

"DOMINANT FACTORS IN THE NEXT 20 YEARS"
"Cybernetics in the 20th Century"

"Nuclear Reactions"
"The Role of Women in the Past and in
the Future"
"The Potential Contributions of Women to
Society"
"Economic Development of the American Negro
(The Achieving Ghetto)"
"Development in Asian Countries"

"Sciences and Philosophy"

Evening Session:

Presentation of Conference Conclusions.

In the evenings there will be recitals, concerts and other cultural events under the direction of Ferenc Molnar, San Francisco.

Official Languages: Italian, English, French

Expected Other Lecturers at the Conference

F. HESBURGH, President, Notre Dame U.
DENTAN COOLEY, M.D., Prof. of Surgery, Texas Medical Center
ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI, Director, Institute International Affairs, Columbia U.
JOHN L. NEFF, Director, Center for Human Understanding, Wash. D.C.
ROBERT LeBARON, Atomic Energy Research, Wash., D.C.
EMMANUEL G. MESTHENE, Program on Technology and Society, Harvard U.
G. PHILLIPS, Electronic Research, Columbia Scientific Research Institute
I.M. BOCHENSKI, O.P., Prof. of Philosophy, Fribourg U.
ALBERT BRODERICH, Esq., O.P., Georgetown U.
ALFRED TARSKI, Prof. of Philosophy, Berkeley U.
TERESA TYMIENIECKA, Ph.D., Prof. Phenomenology, Radcliffe Institute for Independent Studies
PETER MIESCHER, M.D., Prof. of Hematology, Geneva U.
CHARLES TAVEL, Science Attache, Swiss Embassy, Wash., D.C.
ANTONI ZYGMOND, Prof. of Mathematics, Chicago U.
STANISLAS MROZOWSKI, Prof. of Physics and Director, Carbon Research Laboratory,
State University of N.Y.
H.G. GADAMER (Successor to Jaspers at Heidelberg U.)
ALMA DEA MORANI, M.D., Prof. of Surgery, Philadelphia U.
LOUIS DUPRE, Prof. Philosophy, Georgetown U.
MARTHA BRUNNER-ORNE, M.D., Psychoanalyst, Boston U.
EDW. W. CARTER, President, Broadway Hale Stores Inc., Los Angeles
FLOYD S. CHAIMERS, Chairman, Maclean-Hunter Limited, Toronto, Canada
ANGELE COMMENE, Prof. History of Arts, Quebec U.
JOHN TUCKER, Prof. of Philosophy, University of Waterloo, Canada
GEORGE SIEBER, Director, Poko-Communications Research, Munich
JEAN d'ORMESSON, Director, Intl Council for Philosophy and Humanistic Studies, Paris

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Punta Ala is located on the Mediterranean Coast between Rome and Florence. The resort, which was recently created, is surrounded by vast lands of forested hills and tall pine trees giving the appearance of a Fifteenth Century chateau. It commands a panoramic view of the sea from the Argentario to the Island of Elbe which lies nearby. The climate allows for complete comfort and relaxation as well as the enjoyment of many sports including golf, sailing, tennis, and horse-back riding. Moreover, Punta Ala lies within the cultural and artistic heart of Italy close to Florence, Pisa, Sienne, and Lucque.

ACCOMMODATIONS;

Participants may choose between the following:

- a) First Class hotel accommodations in a room with one or two beds \$ 150.00
- b) "Hotel Residence" accommodations in a room with two or three beds \$ 90.00

These prices include the cost of room and full board for the entire period of the Congress from September 9th until noon on September 14th. These charges permit all participants to take part in all the activities within the framework of the Congress.

Special arrangements can be made in accordance with the participating universities.

Any member of the Congress who wishes to extend his visit at Punta Ala may do so by informing the management.

ACCESS:

PUNTA ALA, which is located 30 kms. from Grosseto, is available via many principal means of transportation.

By airplane: the Fiumicino Airport, Rome, and the airport at Pisa;

By train: the Rome-Turin Line to the station at Grosseto and Follonica;

By automobile: from Turin (630 kms.) and Milan (500 kms.), take the "autoroute du Soleil," "autoroute Florence-Migliarino" and the "Via Aurelia".
From Rome (230 kms.), take the Via Aurelia.