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Brussels, Belgium

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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

It is a pleasure for me to invite you to participate in a conference on a subject of key importance to the West. The conference, entitled "High Technology, Economic Growth and Alliance Security: An Agenda for the Future," will be held in Brussels February 6-8, 1986.

We at the U.S. Mission to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization will co-sponsor the meeting with the chiefs of three other U.S. missions -- Ambassador Geoffrey Swaebe of the U.S. Embassy to Belgium, Ambassador Edward Streator of the U.S. Mission to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and Ambassador J. William Middendorf II of the U.S. Mission to the European Communities. They join me in extending this invitation to you.

Our keynote speaker will be The Honorable John Whitehead, Deputy Secretary of State of the United States and formerly a senior partner and co-chairman of Goldman Sachs and Co.

As you well know, technological advance is indispensable for the economic progress and for the security of the West. But issues associated with high technology have also been a source of disagreement within the Alliance.

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We need to understand better the problems of high technology, how it can be introduced and managed effectively in order to maximize its benefits, and how to prevent differences from becoming unduly divisive. Most importantly, we need a shared vision of the future and a common action agenda that can be pursued vigorously by all allies to our mutual benefit.

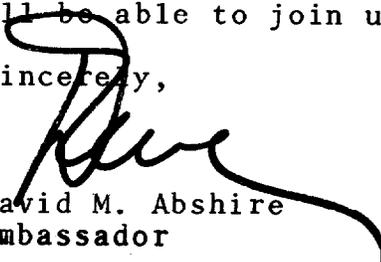
For this reason, it is our purpose with this conference to bring together government leaders, parliamentarians, businessmen, labor leaders, scientists, and academicians from Europe, the United States and Japan to consider the approaches to developing and managing technology that would produce maximum benefit for us all. A number of leading European and U.S. think tanks will also be participating.

The site of the conference will be the Palais d'Egmont, through the kindness of the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Accommodations for conference participants from outside Brussels will be provided at the Hilton Hotel. The conference will begin the afternoon of February 6 and will close the afternoon of February 8.

I would appreciate very much your kindness in returning the enclosed reply card as soon as possible. Should you have questions concerning the conference, Ms. Helen McKee or Mr. Michael Moodie of my staff would be pleased to answer them. The number in Brussels is (32) (2) 242-5280, and their extension is 3236.

We very much hope you will be able to join us.

Sincerely,



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Ambassador

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