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Dear Elisabet:

The Human Potential Foundation invites you to be a speaker at the international conference: *When Cosmic Cultures Meet*.

The conference will be held May 26-29, 1995, at the Sheraton Washington Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Your participation is considered particularly important as you bring graceful intelligence and years of focused thought about Gaia, her perils and potential. And what of the older sisters of Gaia throughout the Cosmos? We need to think and counsel on many things. The Conference is an important opportunity to do that.

There is never an inappropriate time to look at the face of truth. While it may be more difficult, it is no less important to try to look at future truth. We cannot beg off this attempt because of any claim of more important problems to address. Indeed, when much of contemporary industrial culture appears to be endlessly struggling with intractable social and economic problems, and religious and tribal wars are bloody testimony to humankind's capacity for violence, there may be particular importance and relevance to anticipate a possible global transformation of extraordinary proportions. At a minimum, such an inquiry will cause some of us to recognize our own ethnocentrism and narrow materialist values. Perhaps more will recognize our powerfully limiting assumptions about time, space and causality.

Only rarely have there been attempts to step back from arguments over alleged facts and a seemingly endless round of additional rumors concerning extraterrestrial intelligence phenomena, and take a future view. The purpose of the Conference is to frame a discussion on the broad issues and implications of the time when there is no ambiguity about the understanding that cosmic cultures are meeting, and that Earth is one of the meeting grounds.

During the three day Conference international speakers will address implications, preparations, and responses for the time when either or both interdimensional and extraterrestrial cultures come into open contact with cultures of Earth.

There are a number of theories about what the reported phenomena represents, its source and motivation. Some say it is a threat. Indeed, that was the view of President Reagan when he addressed the General Assembly on September 21, 1987.

I occasionally think how quickly our differences would vanish if we were facing an alien threat from outside this world.

Whether President Reagan's comments were based upon knowledge or conjecture is unknown. However, it would appear that attempts either to make demons or angels of non-earth cultures and the consequences of meeting them should carefully be preceded by reflective contemplation of ourselves and a future that includes a probable meeting and living with cultures currently beyond our ken.

This will be a seminal conference. Hopefully a benchmark for open exchange about a future that nothing can delay, and whose imminence cannot be predicted.

While the object of the conference is to advance a dialog that will lead to constructive action by the world's cultures concerning preparation for meeting cosmic cultures, we are not meeting to discuss the evidence, however compelling, that cosmic cultures have already met. This is a separate important continuing debate, and one that deserves its own venue.

Attached is a list of those who also have been invited to speak at the Conference. Beyond these individuals there is another list of foreign and U.S. academicians, spiritual leaders, and civilian government and military personnel who are being invited to participate as panel members. We are offering you a modest honorarium and will cover your direct expenses associated with travel to and stay at the Conference.

We will be pleased to discuss any aspect of the conference with you, and look forward to an early decision on your part to join us in this path finding undertaking.

In an address on July 4, 1994, at Philadelphia, Vaclav Havel talked about our deep connection with the entire universe:

. . . we are not here for ourselves alone, but that we are an integral part of higher, mysterious entities against

whom it is not advisable to blaspheme.

He observed that even in a multicultural world (let alone a multicultural universe), that coexistence must be rooted in self-transcendence:

Transcendence as a hand reached out to those close to us, to foreigners, to the human community, to all living creatures, to nature, to the universe; transcendence as a deeply and joyously experienced need to be in harmony even with what we ourselves are not, what we do not understand, what seems distant from us in time and space, but with which we are nevertheless mysteriously linked because, together with us, all this constitutes a single world. Transcendence as the only real alternative to extinction.

The Human Potential Foundation was co-founded by Senator Claiborne Pell and the undersigned to look into all aspects of the human condition.

Sincerely,

C.B. Scott Jones

Attachment as stated