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Her Excellency  
Dr. Maria de Lourdes Pintasilgo  
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Dear Dr. Pintasilgo and Friend,

It was exciting for us to read in our small town newspaper of your appointment as Prime Minister of the government of your country. Mrs. Fobes and I learned to respect your presence and contributions at Unesco and were pleased to feel that we were friends. Now you have our admiration and sincere congratulations and good wishes. Portugal is fortunate.

I am keeping fully occupied as a member of the United States National Commission for Unesco, as Visiting Scholar at the universities and participating in a number of national and international non-governmental organizations. Among the latter is an international voluntary association, Informatics for the Third World (ITM); I am a member of its Steering Committee. Our current activities include a Round table which will submit a report to the International Colloquium on Informatics and Society in Paris, 24-28 September 1979.

It happens that a small group (including myself and Mahdi Elmandjra) are proposing to meet about 1 September to prepare for that Round Table and thought that we would like to meet in Lisbon. For that purpose, the President of ITM, Mr. Didier Lecerf (France) has submitted a request to the Gulbenkian Foundation for assistance. I hope that the plan to meet in Lisbon materializes

I will not trouble you now with details of the programme of ITM; you have more important matters on your mind. I am confident, however, that you would be interested and would approve of its work. Certainly your support would be welcomed and appreciated.

Perhaps we may meet again soon. I hope so. We know of your convictions and devotion to public service and that you have the courage for the task. May you be sustained and grow even stronger.

Sincerely,

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