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Dear Maria,

I have been remiss in not writing to you earlier. The evening that we spent with you and your friends, talking, eating, and admiring the beauty of the city, stands out in my memory as the high point of our conference. My thanks go out to you often, remembering that occasion and also your speech in opening the conference. It is always exciting to find someone putting into words the deep feelings and convictions that one has developed oneself over the years but that so often meet only hostility or incomprehension in others.

Meanwhile, I have spoken to my friend Tony Leeds about the possibility of your coming to the Boston area. Last week he told me that his wife had written to you about this. Right now, however, the poor man is in the hospital recovering quite well from a heart attack late last week. His office has told me that he is doing quite well but that he will need to remain there (Beth Israel Hospital) for quite a while.

There is also another possibility you might want to consider. In a recent conversation with a colleague at Harvard, I was told that the Center for International Affairs is not meeting much success in finding suitable women for their Fellowship program. I spoke with the Director of the Fellows' program to suggest that, just by chance, they might not be very closely tied into the networks through which "suitable" women could be found....Also, I promised to spread the word about these Fellowships and am enclosing a description of the program with this letter. I have also sent a copy to Elizabeth Reid. If you want to spread the word about this program, please do so -- the more nominations come in to them, the more they might be encouraged to search more widely for women to participate in this kind of program. (Gulzar Bano of Pakistan, who is now the Secretary in charge of their Women's Division, was a participant in the Center program quite a few years ago. But there have been very few women altogether.)

We are devastated by the results of the recent U.S. elections. It is clear that those of us on the left have underestimated the strength of the forces of the right wing -- we have always known this is a very conservative country but did not reckon with the power of money, skills, and self-interest in mobilizing the middle ground through the most shameless methods possible. People will soon be very disappointed in their hopes, I am afraid. There was never much chance for easy solutions to complex problems but there is even less chance now than people have thought. We will be saddled for a long time with this disaster -- in foreign affairs, in human rights, in affirmative action, and so forth. It is all very discouraging.

My warm greetings to you and your friends,

Hanna Papanek

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P.S. I have just spoken with Liz Leeds and Loretta Slover. One of them will be writing to you very shortly about your plans to come over here.

Let me just comment further on the Harvard program, after these conversations. The Center for International Affairs is not the same thing as the Kennedy School. This program is intended for more senior people than those who come to take courses at the Kennedy School. I think it would be far more suitable for you, provided the conditions can be met.

There may be two kinds of problems. Usually, candidates for this program are nominated by their governments but this is not mentioned in this announcement. I do not think it is an absolute condition of the appointment. This would have to be explored with the Director of the program. In any case, might it not be possible to get such a nomination if it does not involve any financial cost?

Second, there is now a fee for participation in the program but I think it is also less than the tuition at the Kennedy School. For the financing, it would be necessary to apply to foundations and other sources. Elizabeth Reid, for example, has written to the Director (Benjamin Brown) to ask whether he would be of assistance to her in exploring foundation support. This might be a useful thing for you to do as well.

In short, I would like to urge you to write directly to Benjamin Brown at the address given on the circular, provided this kind of program appeals to you and fits into your thoughts for the next year. I do not know whether there is a deadline, since none is mentioned in the circular. But I would not wait, since time is getting very short and the program is limited in the numbers of people who are accepted. I will telephone him tonight and mention that I have also written to you.

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PPS I have spoken at some length with Ben Brown and there are several things I want to report to you as a result. He is extremely interested in having you come and will write to you directly in a few days.

People do not have to be nominated by their governments, although they often are. They have had quite a few who have not been government nominees but who have come with personally obtained grants.

Richard Bloomfield is a former Fellow of the Center. If you think you can discuss this possibility with him, it is possible that he would have some suggestions about finding support through some U.S. foundation.

A few years ago, Brown spoke with the Director of the Gulbenkian Foundation. They were not willing to provide a grant to Harvard directly but they now know about this program. It is not impossible that they might be willing to support an individual participant, for whatever reason.

Professor Francis Rogers at Harvard might be willing to be helpful in finding some foundation support. If he is someone you know, Brown thinks he might be approached.

The Tinker Foundation in New York has a good record of supporting women's issues in the Ibero-American world. Brown will write you directly about this possibility, since he knows their Director and could explore this with you.