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Dear Dr. Gerbner,

I'm very happy that you'll be participating in our symposium on Tuesday, June 2. I'm enclosing a sort of grab bag of jottings on the subject of violence and media, which touches on some of the points we'll want to talk about. I'm sure you'll have many others of your own. We'll have an invited audience (the auditorium, as I think you know, has only 100 seats or so), but more important, we'll be audiotaping and photographing the session for publication in TV Guide. I'll act as moderator.

We're going to convene the panelists at 11:30 a.m., and the session, I should imagine, will last 2 1/2 or 3 hours. The location: The Center for Communication, 570 Lexington Avenue (51st st.) We'll have some simple food to tide you over the lunch hour. If you would like to relax at the Center before the panel, please call Catherine Williams, the program director, at 212-836-3050. Or don't hesitate to give me a call.

In addition to the honorarium, we will of course reimburse you for your travel expenses. And I will make a hotel reservation for you for the night of Monday, June 1.

I think we have an opportunity here to make a marvelous contribution to the public's understanding of televised violence, especially in this new age of cable, VCRs and other distribution systems.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,
Neil Hickey
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Senior Editor