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Dear George,

Much to my sorrow I am not going to be able to make your convention. The dates are not convenient for some of my other commitments and also I just don't feel I can spare the cash for the journey. But it looks as though you are going to have very good discussions, judging from the subjects of the working groups.

What I have done, perhaps incorrectly, is to pass on the invitation addressed to me to my brother at Acadia University in Nova Scotia. He has recently set up a "Cultural Resources Foundation" and I think there are many points of connection between what he is doing (serious drama) and CEM's concerns. I do not know whether he will be able to make it to Athens, but I hope you might accept him instead of me. In fact he is a highly intelligent and charming fellow who could only be an asset to your discussions - certainly more than me!

I wonder whether you know the magazine called "Resurgence", for whom I have started writing a regular column? It comes from South West England and it is edited by an Indian, Satish Kumar, who is visiting the States shortly with his wife June (see attached schedule). I suppose you will be too tied up with the convention preparations to meet and talk with him, but you might encourage some of your colleagues to do so. I know he is talking at one of the universities in Pennsylvania. I feel that his magazine is helping to meet a great need for people who are desperately concerned about their cultural environment (although the situation might not be quite so bad in England as in the States) and it is one of the very few periodicals that I actually look forward to receiving.

Well George, I wish you all the best and even if you never write, I hope you get my letters and my networking efforts may be useful to you some day!

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Satish is not at all one of these Oriental gurus!