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Natasha Gordon,

Hi. I am responding to a message George sent Sut Jhally about the possibility of a meeting on challenging the concentration of media ownership.

We would be interested in participating, and would prefer late August to avoid the start of the academic year.

We are launching this fall a Media Ownership Project, which will begin with the posting of all media ownership research we can access on a Web site. We are planning other forms of dissemination of information on the issues as well in ways that would be harmonious with the challenge being discussed.

Since the media ownership workshop at the CEM founding convention, I have attended other meetings on the issue, including one in DC which George also attended. The list from that meeting, which Don Hazen coordinated, would be a good place to start for other invitees.

Also, since it is in Philadelphia, it might be worthwhile to invite Edward Herman, 28 Fairview Road, Norbeth, PA 19072.

One person I heard several years ago at the Kennedy School advance the argument against considering corporations equivalent to citizens in matters of regulation is Larry Grossman, former head of NBC News. I don't have his current address though.

Sut said he would probably not be able to attend the meeting. But our two key staff people for the Media Ownership Project at MEF are Brian Murphy, research director, and myself. It is likely that at least one, and possibly both of us could attend.

Around August 18, 19 would be best for me and possibly the 25 or 26. I will check with Brian on dates for him.

I will look forward to hearing from you as the details fall in place.

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