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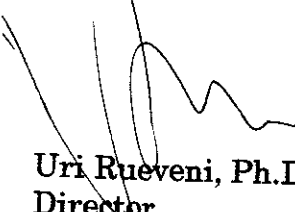
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Dear Dr. Gerbner,

We are planning to organize a National Conference on Intervention and Prevention Programs for Youth, School and Media Violence scheduled for November 10-12, 1994, in Houston, Texas. The aim will be to bring cutting edge programs which can help reduce youth violence as well as de-glamorize the effects media portrayed violence has on youth. We are forming a National Advisory Committee and would like your permission to include your name on it. This will not require any time commitments on your part. We of course would be glad to consider any other suggestion you might have concerning the upcoming conference.

Enclosed please find some preliminary information about our planned conference. I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,



Uri Rueveni, Ph.D.
Director

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OK and
good luck.

George Gerbner



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**The
National Conference
on
Children and Violence:
Intervention and
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School and Media
Violence
Houston, Texas
November 10-12, 1994**

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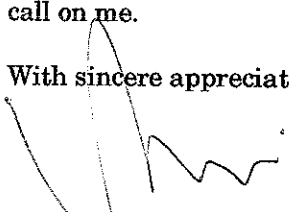
On behalf of our Planning Advisory Committee I wish to thank you for agreeing to serve on our 1994 National Advisory Committee. You represent a very distinguished group of professionals who are respected nationally and internationally for your work in the area of violence prevention.

As you can see from the enclosed draft of our conference program, the three day event will include 100 workshops, 14 panels, 6 interest groups, keynote speakers, concurrent presentations of research papers, and meetings for a variety of organizations concerned with the issues of youth, school or media violence. In addition we plan two special luncheons, a conference reception and a cookout. We have invited several prominent figures to present keynote addresses—Hillary Rodham Clinton, and Marian Wright Edelman. We have also invited our Governor, Ann Richards, to make the opening remarks.

Our plan is to be able to invite a large number of national organizations to help us underwrite as well as co-sponsor and promote the conference locally and nationally. At this point three major organizations have already joined as co-sponsors—The National Crime Prevention Council, Washington, D.C., the Educational Development Center, Newton Mass., and the State and Territories Injury Prevention Directors Association. We plan to invite those interested in participating in one or more of our panel sessions, as well as asking you to consider presenting a workshop. I will be in touch with you soon regarding this aspect of the conference program.

Our Conference Planning Committee meets once a month and serves as the central steering body for making the conference a reality. Our Conference Program Committee will solicit workshop proposals and will select the best 100 workshops to be included in the conference program. We have already identified titles for 40 workshops and 14 panels (See enclosed list). Our Accommodation Committee members have selected the Houston Sheraton Astrodome Hotel as our conference site and we expect at least 1000 participants to attend the conference. Thanks again for allowing us to place your name on our program National Advisory Committee and I will soon be contacting each of you. In the meantime should you have any suggestions or questions please do not hesitate to call on me.

With sincere appreciation,



Uri Rueveni, Ph.D.
Chair