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March 13, 1950

Dear Mr. McWilliams:

Owing to the sudden death of his brother, my father is at present unable to reply to your letter. He does not, however, wish to leave your communication unanswered and has asked me to tell you what follows:

While he appreciates the difficulties of which you write, he still thinks that at least one of the type previously characterized as "plainly liberal or conservative" should - if at all possible - figure among those extending the initial invitation. Unless Dr. Linus Pauling, Dr. Max Radin, Dr. Alexander Meiklejohn, my father and yourself are joined by one who would have the confidence of those to be invited, it appears questionable whether there would be many acceptances. Could one not try to get Edgar Snow or John Hersey or Deems Taylor or Van Vyck Brooks to serve as one of the initial hosts? T.M. feels that an attempt should at least be made. Once it has failed he will hardly decline to go ahead regardless. He does, however, believe the chances of success to be infinitely greater if the initiating group comprises one "flawless" and "white" contemporary.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely

Erika Mann.