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Dear Beatriz,

I am writing to invite you to participate in a conference to be held at the University of California, Berkeley, on the subject of "Maya civilization of Cycle 6 and 7: Classic Maya in the 'Preclassic.'" A very small number of specialists whose recent excavations directly bear upon this theme are being invited to present papers to the conference. In addition, I have invited Gordon Willey to serve as a discussant during the course of the meetings, emphasizing the traditional archaeological perspective, and following the conference to prepare a short conference overview for the published proceedings. We would ask you to serve a role similar to Gordon's but from the art historical standpoint. I will serve as conference moderator and also contribute a paper on the Cycle 6 and 7 Maya sculpture from Abaj Takalik. The conference will emphasize recent work from Guatemala, and we anticipate presentations on Mirador, Nakbe, and Uaxactun in addition to Abaj Takalik. The conference proceedings will be published by the University a few months subsequent to the event.

The meetings will be scheduled for a day and a half of presentations and discussions in late August, probably during the week of August 20. We expect to be able to finalize details within the coming week or next ten days. The conference will provide air fare from Mexico to San Francisco and accommodations for three nights while attending the conference. We anticipate that participants will stay at the Faculty Club on the University campus although we are also exploring possible arrangements at the Claremont Resort Hotel and Spa at the foot of the Berkeley hills behind the campus.

We wish the conference to be very relaxed and informal. Some presentations will be in Spanish. It will not be open to the public although a small number of invited guests will be present. I am asking the participants contributing papers to emphasize slides and other visual materials in their presentations.

I do hope you will be able to accept this invitation. Your perspective would be absolutely invaluable, and I know of no one who could substitute for you. Since we would like to purchase the air tickets as soon as possible to take advantage of current tariffs, I hope you can advise me of your response in the nearest future.

On another matter, I am enclosing a copy of the paper I was working on for the Merida meeting. Rebecca undertook the laborious chore of translating it into Spanish in early January while I was in Guatemala but I have not yet seen her version.

With all best wishes,

John Graham

February 22, 1990