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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 1, 1989

Dear Dr. Silver:

I am very sorry that the President's request that I represent him at an international meeting in the Hague has taken me out of the country during the annual meeting of the Consortium of Social Science Associations. I was very much looking forward to talking to your group because of my firm belief that the social and behavioral sciences must play a much more prominent role in issues of science and technology policy than they have in the past.

Many of the outstanding problems we face today--such as the fate of the environment, the danger of nuclear war, the curse of world hunger, and the burgeoning costs of medical care, to name just a few--are often laid at the door of science and technology. Yet in all of these cases, the science and technology needed to solve these problems are effectively in hand. What we do not know are the social, behavioral, and economic consequences of the various possible courses of action available to us. Nor do we have an adequate understanding of the value systems underlying the decisions we face.

Medical care technology offers a vivid illustration of this point. Modern medical technologies are continuing to make it possible for people to live longer and healthier lives. Yet because of the burgeoning cost of these technologies, we will soon face the necessity of deciding to withhold life-saving or life-extending techniques for the simple reason that we will no longer, as a society, be able to afford them. Who will make such decisions? What value systems will underlie the decisions that must be made? The British have already decided that if you are over 60, high-technology medicine will effectively be denied you. Now that I am over 60 myself, that decision is one I happen not to like nearly as much as I might have at thirty!

In discussions between myself, OSTP's Associate Director for Policy and International Affairs Tom Ratchford, and OSTP's Associate Director for Life Sciences Jim Wyngaarden, we have devoted considerable attention to ways of integrating the social and behavioral sciences into science and technology policy. We are moving forward on several fronts. First, as soon as budgetary considerations allow, we intend to appoint an Assistant Director for the Social Sciences under the Associate Director for

Policy and International Affairs. This individual will work with all four of the office's Associate Directors to ensure that the social and behavioral sciences are represented in OSTP's deliberations.

The social and behavioral sciences will also be represented on the new President's Council of Advisers on Science and Technology (PCAST). PCAST will consist of 12 prestigious, broadly based individuals who will examine a broad range of science and technology issues and make policy recommendations to the President, and at the President's request I will serve as the Council's chairman. It is expected that PCAST will establish smaller groups to focus on specific issues, and questions in the social and behavioral sciences are likely to be among the issues that PCAST decides to investigate in depth.

Finally, we are in the process of revitalizing the Federal Coordinating Council for Science, Engineering, and Technology (FCCSET), which is the entity within OSTP that coordinates the activities of various federal agencies in science and technology. We expect to set up one of more committees within FCCSET that will deal with the broad range of social and behavioral science research now scattered throughout the federal government. We hope that this attention to social science research will bring it a new cohesion and visibility and make explicit its importance in the national agenda. A new activity, just now being established, is the Human Resources Committee (HRC), which will coordinate the activities of all federal agencies in education, generally, and in professional manpower, in particular. Obviously, this will have a large social science component.

In his 1959 Rede Lecture on the BBC, C. P. Snow suggested that the intellectual and practical life of all of western society is increasingly being split into two cultures, with a gulf of incomprehension, misunderstanding, and occasional hostility between the two sides. Though this distinction captures some important aspects of modern life, it glosses over several important facts. In particular, it ignores the crucial position of the social and behavioral sciences as a mediator between the two cultures. Social and behavioral scientists have the opportunity to draw upon the best aspects of the physical sciences on one side and the humanities on the other. You can apply the rigor of the physical sciences to social and behavioral questions that have otherwise defied analysis and, at the same time, demonstrate the social and behavioral constraints on the new capabilities produced by the natural sciences.

The time is long past when we can afford to follow our narrow professional interests in confronting national and international problems. Our future, and the future of our planet, depend on our learning to work together effectively. I

H. Silver

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look forward to a long and productive partnership with your consortium and with the social and behavioral scientists you represent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "D. Allan Bromley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "D".

D. Allan Bromley

Assistant to the President  
for Science and Technology

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Executive Director  
Consortium of Social Science Associations  
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Comments?

Alan

8-11-89

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*Meeting 11/6*

**INVITATION FOR DR. BROMLEY**

**SPEECH:** Yes

**FROM:** Consortium of Social Science Associations  
Howard J. Silver, Ph.D.

**DATE OF EVENT:** 11/6/89

**LOCATION OF EVENT:** Washington, D.C.

*12:30, luncheon*  
**TIME:** 1:10 pm to 2:00 pm including questions

**SUBJECT:** Importance of the social and behavioral sciences to the science policy arena in the U.S.

**RESPONSE DATE:** Not Specified

**CONTACT PERSON:** Howard J. Silver

**CONTACT NO:** (202) 887-6166 *842-3525*

**REMARKS:** You asked MCE for comments They are: (8/11/89)  
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**INVITATION ACCEPTED:**

☒ YES

☐ NO

**Date of Letter:** 8/1/89

**DATE RECEIVED:** 8/7/89

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*8-23-89*

*Dear Dr Silver:*  
*Thank you for inviting me to speak at the annual meeting of the Consortium of Social Science Associations on November 6, 1989. I will be honored to be with you and your distinguished members on that day.*  
*I would be grateful if you would send me a list of those who might be expected at the luncheon -*  
*DAB*

# CONSORTIUM OF SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATIONS

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August 1, 1989

Dr. D. Allan Bromley  
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Old Executive Office Building  
17th & Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Dr. Bromley:

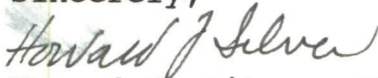
On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Consortium I am writing to invite you to be the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the Consortium to be held on Monday, November 6, 1989 at the Embassy Row Hotel in Washington, DC. We would like you to be the luncheon speaker. Lunch would be served at 12:30 and your speech, including questions and answers would run from about 1:10 to 2:00 p.m.

The audience for the annual meeting includes the executive directors and presidents of COSSA members and affiliates, as well as representatives from our contributors. (See attached list). We expect to invite COSSA friends from Capitol Hill to lunch.

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Thank you for your time and attention. I look forward to hearing from you concerning this invitation and to working with you to enhance OSTP and the importance of science policy in this nation.

Sincerely,



Howard J. Silver, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

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August 1, 1989

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Yale University

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

August 29, 1989

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D. Allan Bromley  
Director

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September 20, 1989

Dr. D. Allan Bromley  
Assistant to the President for Science  
& Technology and Director of OSTP  
Old Executive Office Building  
17th & Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Dr. Bromley:

We are delighted that you will be joining us for our annual meeting on November 6. We will provide you with a list of expected attendees around the first week of October.

In connection with your speech: Will it be on-the-record? Do you have any objections to having it tape recorded?

On another matter: We are quite interested in providing candidates for the position of assistant director for the social sciences at OSTP. However, it is unclear to us what qualifications you are looking for and what level of position it would be. If you could help us out with those, we suspect there would be a number of excellent potential candidates to recommend.

Thank you for your time and attention. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you in November. If you have any further questions or need more information, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Howard J. Silver  
Executive Director

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October 16, 1989

Dr. D. Allen Bromley  
Director  
Office of Science and Technology Policy  
Executive Office of the President  
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Dr. Bromley:

As requested, I have enclosed a list of anticipated attendees for COSSA's November 6 annual meeting. I look forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely,



Howard J. Silver  
Executive Director

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## ANNUAL MEETING ANTICIPATED ATTENDEES

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Ted Gurr, Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Maryland; representing the International Studies Association

John Hagen, Executive Director, Society for Research in Child Development

Richard L. Harpel, Director of Federal Relations, University of Colorado

Wendy Katkin, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, State University of New York at Stony Brook

Alan Kraut, Executive Director, American Psychological Society

Mort Lowengrub, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Indiana University

Robert McGinnis, Director, Cornell Institute for Social and Economic Research

Nicole de Montricher, Social Science Attache, Embassy of France

Kathryn Olesko, Professor, Department of History, Georgetown University; representing the History of Science Society

Harriet Presser, Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland; representing the Population Association of America

William J. Russell, Executive Director, American Educational Research Association

Linda Siegenthaler, Economist, National Center for Health Services Research, Department of Health and Human Services; representing the Association for the Social Sciences in Health

Craig Swan, Acting Dean, College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota

Patricia M. Tessler, Proposal Development Specialist, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

Ruth Wallace, Professor; Department of Sociology, George Washington University; representing the Eastern Sociological Society

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