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Professor Daniel Cosío Villegas
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Dear Professor Cosío Villegas:

We are in the process of completing arrangements with the Villa Falconieri in Frascati and for travel to our conference on "The Idea of Democracy in Transitional Societies," to be held on Monday, April 4 through Thursday noon, April 7. We are asking that you arrive on Sunday evening, April 3, before dinner at the Villa where a single room with bath is being held for you. An interesting and useful booklet describing the Villa will be sent to you at a later date.

With regard to travel plans, the most convenient way to reach the Villa Falconieri is to proceed from the Rome airport by automobile. Since this is a rather long drive, advance arrangements must be made to meet the conferees at the airport. Hence it is essential that we know well in advance your airline and flight number and the time of your arrival in Rome. The Social Science Research Council will reserve your ticket through the Wright Travel Agency in New York as soon as you send me the necessary information about a flight that will assure your arrival before the Sunday evening dinner. Your local travel agent will notify you when the arrangement is completed. Additional travel expenses, including transportation to and from airports and meals en route, will be reimbursed when vouchers have been submitted to the Council after the conference.

I look forward to meeting you in April. The discussion papers have begun to come in and I am confident that we will have a stimulating and fruitful conference. If you have questions about the conference I shall be very glad to answer them.

We assume that you are planning to attend the conference, but if your plans have changed I would appreciate your writing me. I hope that you will reply promptly regarding your flight plans.

Sincerely,

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To: Participants in the Conference on the Idea of Democracy in Transitional Societies, April 4-7, Villa Falconieri, Frascati, Italy

From: Robert Paul Wolff, 215 M, Butler Library, Columbia University

Date: March 10, 1966

With out conference less than four weeks away, I should like to give you information concerning our arrangements and to circulate the paper by Professor Plamenatz that will serve as the basis for discussion on the opening day. Events in several parts of the world in the past six months have lent new significance to our topic and I anticipate a lively and fruitful series of discussions.

We will gather for dinner at the Villa Falconieri on Sunday evening, April 3. Some of you will arrive in Rome on Saturday, April 2, and will be driven to the Villa on Sunday afternoon. Others will arrive at the Rome airport on Sunday and will be picked up there to ride directly to Frascati. All of you will receive instructions suited to your various travel plans.

We will begin formal meetings on Monday, April 4, with sessions both morning and afternoon. The entire day will be devoted to the theoretical problems of the nature of democracy raised by Professor Plamenatz. The Tuesday morning session will be concerned with the idea of democracy in Asian thought. Our discussion paper will be provided by Dr. Asoka Mehta of India. Unfortunately, since Dr. Mehta must remain in India to attend meetings of the Parliament, we will not have the benefit of his leadership in the discussion. Tuesday afternoon Professor Ernest Gellner of England will lead the discussion on the problems of thinking about transitional societies. In order to get together for informal discussion, to simply rest after our labors, or to spend time in Rome, we shall hold only a morning session on Wednesday. The topic will be the African experiences with democratic institutions, the discussion to be led by Professor E. U. Essien-Udom of Nigeria. On Thursday morning Professor Giovanni Sartori of Florence will draw together the strands of our discussions and lead a general discussion of the problems raised during the preceding meetings. We shall conclude the conference at noon, with lunch available for those who wish to stay.

Enclosed are a copy of the booklet supplied by Professor Gozzer describing the Villa, a copy of Professor Plamenatz's paper, and a preliminary list of participants.

I shall be in Rome at the Hotel Bernini-Bristol, Piazza Barberini 23, from Friday afternoon through Sunday morning and shall be glad to assist you with any problems that may arise. I look forward to meeting you all and am sure that we will have a pleasant and productive conference.

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CONFERENCE ON "THE IDEA OF DEMOCRACY IN TRANSITIONAL SOCIETIES"

April 4-7, 1966, Villa Falconieri, Frascati, Italy

Preliminary List of Participants

1. Dr. Isaiah Berlin, Oxford, England
2. Professor Daniel Cosío Villegas, México
3. Professor R. P. Dore, London School of Economics & Political Science
4. Professor Stanislaw Ehrlich, International Political Science Association, Paris
5. Dr. Evner Ergun, State Planning Organization, Ankara, Turkey
6. Professor E. U. Essien-Udom, Ibadan, Nigeria
7. The Honorable Charles Frankel, Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Washington
8. Professor Risieri Frondizi, Buenos Aires
9. Professor Ernest Gellner, London School of Economics & Political Science
10. Professor Giovanni Gozzer, Rome
11. Dr. H. Field Haviland, Jr., The Brookings Institution, Washington
12. Dr. Pendleton Herring, Social Science Research Council
13. Professor Masamichi Inoki, Kyoto, Japan
14. Professor Guglielmo Negri, Rome
15. Professor P. H. Partridge, Canberra, Australia
16. Dr. James A. Perkins, President, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
17. Professor John Flamenatz, Oxford, England
18. Professor Lucian W. Pye, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge
19. Professor Giovanni Sartori, Firenze
20. Professor Vakur Versan, Istanbul
21. Professor Robert Paul Wolff, Columbia University, New York