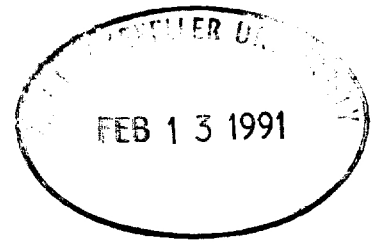


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Dear Yoram:

I am writing to suggest that it might be appropriate to put our Academic Associates group on ice for the time being. As you know, the tragic loss of Marver Bernstein was a major blow to many people in many ways, but for a small assemblage like ours it had a particularly severe impact. In addition, as you are aware, there has not seemed much for us to do, our considerable hopes notwithstanding, and there has not been the energy at this end to initiate any activities. Given current events, moreover, it may be that close interaction will not be possible for some time to come.

All of these considerations suggest that, rather than impose on a very busy group for meetings or other responsibilities, it might be best to shelve our enterprise until further notice. I am sure all of us remain ready to help the University in the ways we have indicated, should the need arise, and I hope you will not hesitate to call on me if you think there is something useful we can do. In the meantime, we send you our very best wishes, and our hopes that these difficult times will soon give way to more cheery prospects.

With warmest regards,

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "TKR".

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