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Dear Professor Florin:

Our earlier correspondence has perhaps crossed in the mail. In any case I thought I should write you again that unfortunately neither Dr. Lavinthal nor I will be able to leave Stanford this spring and therefore will not be able to attend COSPAR at Florence.

COSPAR deserves every encouragement to pursue the earth's common interest in planetary hygiene, which remains too important to be left to competitive happenstance or to uncertain preconceptions about the planetary habitats. However, I should say that personally I could now add little to what has already been published and reviewed in Professor Haden's very useful compendium. It clearly is time to elicit a much wider front of scientifically formed opinion as the base of international policy in this area.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Professor Haden  
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