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Professor Dr. Joshua Lederberg  
School of Medicine  
Stanford University  
California  
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Dear Professor Lederberg, Dear Colleague;

A meeting of Nobel Prize Laureates was originally planned for March 11th, to be held at the Hotel Astor in New York, and it was intended that at that time our Vice-President, Professor H.J. Muller, would present our invitation to the participants to join the 40 Charter Members of the World Academy in their efforts towards a scientific and wiser approach to the vital problems of mankind.

However, this scientific meeting in New York had to be cancelled for reasons beyond our control, and instead of it, a dinner party was held by United States President, J.F. Kennedy on April, 29th. Although our Vice-President was one of the participants, it was obvious that this was neither the adequate place nor opportunity to transmit our message. We have decided, therefore, to send the attached invitation-letter of February 21st to all Nobel Prize Laureates by mail. Additional informative material is being forwarded under separate cover as Air Mail-Printed Matter. (According to the Statutes membership is restricted to 350.)

We are convinced that most or all of the Nobel Prize Laureates will gladly join in our efforts to rally the best minds of our generation and the generations to follow, in order to build a transnational forum, one which will command that international esteem essential to the eventual winning of a worldwide trust and cooperation.

I am pleased to inform you that even before we decided to send out this invitation by mail, two of our Charter Members (Hugo Osvald, Representative of Science in the Swedish Senate, and P. van Oye, Past President of the Royal Flemish Academy of Science) have already approached their colleagues, Nobel Prize Laureates Arne Tiselius (Uppsala), Hugo Theorell (Stockholm) and Corneille Heymans (Ghent) who immediately accepted this invitation.

We trust that this cooperation of the highest ranking scientists

H. Boyko

(at White House —  
J.L. in Japan then)

in a transnational organization such as the World Academy, will serve as a ray of hope for all and as a sign that science is prepared not only to create the tools for a better future for mankind but also to provide formulas for their use.

I look forward to adding your name to our list of Fellow Members of the World Academy, the founding of which may well mark a turning point in the history of mankind.

With all best wishes

Yours very sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Hugo Boyko', written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Hugo Boyko  
Honorary Secretary.

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