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Your Eminence:

Thank you very much for the helpful meeting last month concerning both the Archbishop Iakovos Endowment for Faith and Order and the larger spectrum of the Ecumenical Development Initiative. Your willingness to lend your support to these efforts is much appreciated and is a great encouragement to the success of the initiative.

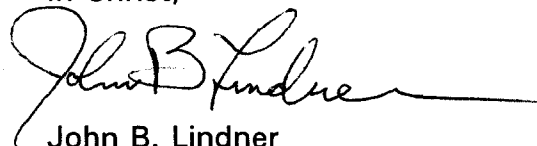
I'm sorry to have been delayed in writing to you. Shortly after our visit, my father was hospitalized, and I have been away part of the last month arranging for the care that my parents now require.

Since I returned, I have reported our conversation to Joan Campbell. She is most appreciative of your willingness to participate in this effort and would like to meet with you in follow-up to our conversation.

Under separate cover, you will be receiving a letter from Bishop James Mathews that includes the announcement that a dinner honoring Archbishop Iakovos is now scheduled for early February, 1995 in Atlanta, Georgia. This should be a wonderful occasion to honor his forty years of episcopal as well as ecumenical leadership.

Again, it was a pleasure to meet with you and also to meet Rev. Dr. Keith Muhleman. It is a privilege to be working with you to secure this essential support for our common Christian witness.

In Christ,



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