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Dear Professor Cohen:

I should like to take this opportunity on behalf of the IRCAM team to thank you for your very full and encouraging response to Pierre Boulez' letter regarding future collaboration between Stanford University and ourselves. As John Chowning may have told you we are at present holding a number of public seminars in which the Department heads are presenting their own works, and those of other composers such as Mr. Chowning (I enclose full details), and on Monday Pierre Boulez made publicly very clear his enthusiasm for this particular collaboration with Stanford.

John Chowning, as you may know, was kind enough to be present during these "Sessions IRCAM" and was in particular most helpful in public debate during Jean-Claude Risset's session which took place on October 21st. He and I have taken the opportunity during our time together in Paris to discuss in further detail the forthcoming proposed IRCAM/Stanford seminar.

I now write to you with our proposals in the hope that these may be convenient to you. We should like to plan our arrival for July 31st 1975 and have the seminar take place in the period August 1st/12th inclusive. As you will, I am sure, understand it is difficult to give you an absolutely precise and definitive list of personnel taking part but I think it reasonable to assume that there will be twenty people for whom we need accommodation, preferably in Lagunita Hall, for this period. Naturally, I should be especially grateful if it were possible to arrange for, perhaps, two of these rooms to have baths. The list of people so far will be as follows :

J-P Armand	G. Guiducci
G. Bennett	J. Lawson
L. Berio	B. Marger
T. Bever	D. Masson
P. Boulez	M. Mathews
Y. Galmot	J-C Risset
V. Globokar	N. Ruwet
C. Gottwald	N. Snowman

John Chowning has informed me that the arrangements for our use of the computer, at the convenience of the directorship of the AI Laboratories, is without problem and we thank you for your effort in this respect.

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As you can imagine it will be enormously helpful to the group to be independent with regard to transport, in view of the distance between the AI Labs and the campus, and thus it would be more than useful for us to have four or five cars at our disposal. Is there any possibility of hiring cars from the University or would you recommend that we make arrangements with Hertz at Palo Alto?

With once again very many thanks for your most kind and much appreciated letter and looking forward to renewing your acquaintance in the near future.

With very best wishes to you and your wife.

Yours sincerely



N. Snowman  
Responsable Artistique

P.S. Provided there is no problem regarding arrangements, I wonder if you or your staff could be kind enough to let us know which mode of payment best suits Stanford and whether there is, for example, need of a deposit or other guarantee.

P.P.S. We would prefer to eat in the cafeteria rather than use the more formal dining arrangements.

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