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Larry Austin, President
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Dear Larry:

We are in receipt of your memorandum of May 15. The document seems to reflect our respective conversations with you in a manner not entirely in agreement with our own memory of them; it may be that you thought we were agreeing to certain things which we thought we were specifically not agreeing to, hence this letter in the hope of providing some needed clarification.

Except for CCRMA's possible participation in the reviewing of papers, neither CCRMA nor CNMAT (nor the UC Department of Music nor Cal Performances) is in a position to offer assistance for the 1992 ICMC in any area, including budget, fund-raising, personnel, organization, space, or planning; specifically, we are not in a position to sponsor the 1992 ICMC, either individually, jointly, or in a consortium such as your memorandum suggests. In addition, there is a very substantial possibility, even a probability, that our two Centers will be undergoing major structural changes in our physical plants at that time: earthquake work at CCRMA and both earthquake work and new construction at CNMAT. The period in question is thus far from an ideal one in which to welcome visitors.


The memorandum seems to suggest that the initiative for sponsorship came from the Bay Area and was "well received by the CMA Board of Directors", whereas, in fact, at least in our case, the initiative came from CMA through its President.

Both CMA and ISCM are enormously important to all of us, and we are certainly sensitive to the difficulties of your role as President and grateful for your energy in keeping things moving, but the present proposal is simply premature, given the situation here, as, it seems to us, is the meeting which your memorandum calls for at the end of the month, which we respectfully suggest should be cancelled. It is certainly possible that a future date (perhaps 1996) might be appropriate for holding the Conference here.

CNMAT and CCRMA look forward to participating in the 1992 ICMC, where-ever it is held. (Is Europe really an impossibility? What about Switzerland: Thomas Kessler in Basel and the Swiss National Center outside Zurich with Gerald Bennett..?).

With best wishes,


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