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Dear Richard,

Now that I am back from an absence due to minor surgery and the holidays, I want to catch-up with you on the '89 conference.

Although this is supposed to be a joint IU-CGO affair, I am concerned that the Council is being left out of the decision-making. [Let me add here that I do appreciate recent and very informative letters from Barbara and Jose.] For example, if the CGO had been consulted beforehand, I would have suggested putting both IU and CGO addresses on the conference invitations, directing all US dollars to New York, and all UK pounds to London. Other than this, the invitations are well done and I will reprint them, adding or substituting the Council address. I will send them to as many non-IU georgists as I can get addresses for, inside or outside the US. To avoid unnecessary duplications and omissions, I WOULD LIKE A LIST OF ALL WHO WERE SENT INVITATIONS BY THE I.U. [Which I presume will come from London, so "thank you, Barbara & Jose."]

There is also the problem of how to split any conference income (not to mention costs) between IU and CGO. No rush on this one, just let it be a mutually-decided arrangement.

I hope that important program decisions also be made in consultation with the Council (i.e., Sam Venturella and myself). Some CGO members have suggestions, and I have so far directed them to you and/or George Collins. One of the functions of our annual conference is to give active georgists an opportunity to report on their activities. This is usually done in two sessions: one for education, one for politics. Sam and I would like these included in the program. Also, the CGO meeting is scheduled for the second Sunday: Sam and I doubt that many will be in any shape to attend a business meeting on the last day of an eight-day conference -- they will more likely be packing and leaving. We'd like this scheduled closer to mid-conference.

Barbara has informed me of the February 1st IU executive committee meeting. Can you, being CGO Deputy Chairman, speak for the Council at this meeting? It would be a good idea to consult beforehand with me, Sam, George, and Don Hurford (who was elected to assist George on the conference). I am sending this letter to Sam, George, Don, and, of course, Barbara & Jose, who can share it with Fred Harrison. I will also keep Bob Clancy informed, the HG Institute being steward of both IU and CGO bank accounts in New York. I welcome feedback from all of you -- with best wishes for our sesquicentennial year,