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Professor Otto Kirchheimer  
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Dear Otto:

I will try to remember the details of the three letters I wrote you during the summer. They had to do with two separate projects. The first, I discussed with you over the phone. I would like to invite you to prepare a paper on "The Problem of Parliamentarism in the Developing Areas" for our Institute next summer. I would also like to invite you to attend the Institute during the week of July 16th - 20th to discuss your paper and possible further research on the topics discussed.

According to our phone conversation you believe it may be possible to have a first draft of a reflective paper on this theme by July 14th. We will be happy to pay travel and other expenses incidental to attending the Institute at Stanford, California, and an honorarium of \$300.00 for the preparation of the paper.

I should also say that we would hope to encourage you to go more deeply into the question of "Parliamentarism in the Developing Areas" in 1963 but we can discuss this at some later time.

The second matter that I wrote you about is a publishing matter. Lucian Pye, of M.I.T., James Coleman of U.C.L.A. and I are editing a Country Paperback Series for Little, Brown and Company. We are trying to make this series "high level" and genuinely comparative. I wonder if there is any possibility that sometime in the next two years you could write a small book on the German Political System.\* While it would contain the essential information about the governmental and political characteristics of Germany, we would hope that it might be more of an interpretive essay rather than a straightforward description. If this should interest you in any way please let me know and I will give you further details.

Warm regards,

*Gabriel*

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\* Something between 200-300 typewritten pages.

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Dear GA:

Thanks for our two letters and the Verba paper. I am afraid I shall have to be entirely negative as far as the book on Germany is concerned. I already turned down a similar publisher's proposition last year as I do not want to go in for textbook writing.

As to the conference, I am afraid the impression you got over the phone was a bit too optimistic too. While I find the subjects of the comparative political structure of various types of societies highly intriguing, I cannot see my way to presenting a paper on the subject you wished by next summer. My present work pressure militates strongly against ~~my participation~~. If you could see any value in my participating in your discussion without contributing a formal paper, I would try to fit the meeting into my still rather tentative summer schedule.

Needless to say I am very grateful for your invitations and suggestions.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

