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September 6, 1963

*Register*

Professor Otto Kirchheimer  
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New York, New York 10027

Dear Professor Kirchheimer:

On behalf of the Committee on Comparative Politics of the Social Science Research Council, I take pleasure in inviting you to attend a conference on Political Parties and Political Development, to be held in Rome, Italy, Monday - Thursday, January 6-9, 1964.

This conference is fifth in a series on the theme of political development. Earlier meetings on this theme have dealt with communications, bureaucracy and education, and with a comparison of aspects of political development in Japan and Turkey. Two volumes containing the papers for the conferences, edited by members of the committee, have been published by the Princeton University Press, and it is anticipated that the papers for the conference on political parties will be published in similar form. The first two volumes are Communications and Political Development (1962), edited by Lucian W. Pye, and Bureaucracy and Political Development (1963), edited by Joseph LaPalombara. The volumes on education and on Japan and Turkey, are in press, and will be edited by James S. Coleman, and Robert E. Ward, respectively.

An agenda paper for the conference will be prepared by Joseph LaPalombara and Myron Weiner, who will edit the proceedings, and some 14 papers are now in preparation by scholars in Europe and the United States. Each paper will address itself to one of the

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following topics, with respect to a particular region or country:  
(a) political parties and national integration; (b) political parties and political recruitment and participation; (c) political parties and elite relations; and (d) political parties and policy making.

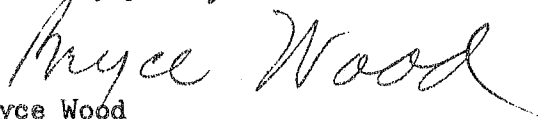
Invitations are being issued to about 35 scholars, the majority of whom are from European countries. Copies of papers will be sent to you in advance, and no papers will be read in conference sessions since it is intended to devote the available time to discussion of issues raised by the papers.

Invitations to prepare papers have been accepted by the following, in addition to certain members of the Committee on Comparative Politics: William N. Chambers, Washington University; Hans Daalder, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague; Rupert Emerson, Harvard University; Morton Grodzins, University of Chicago; Otto Kirchheimer, Columbia University; Stein Rokkan, Christian Michelsen Institute, Bergen; Dankwart A. Rustow, Columbia University; Giovanni Sartori, University of Florence; Robert E. Scott, University of Illinois; Immanuel Wallerstein, Columbia University.

The Council will be glad to reimburse you for your travel expenses in attending the conference, and for meals and lodging during the sessions, from Sunday evening, January 5 through Thursday night, January 9. Please inform us if you wish an advance for travel expenses. The first session of the conference will open at 9:30 a.m., on Monday, January 6, and the last session will end at 5:00 p.m., on Thursday, January 9. An informal dinner will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 5, for those participants then present in Rome. Single rooms will be reserved for you at a hotel to be announced later.

Hoping that it may be possible for you to participate in this conference, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Bryce Wood  
Staff, Committee on Comparative  
Politics

P. S. The members of the Committee on Comparative Politics are:

- Gabriel A. Almond, Stanford University
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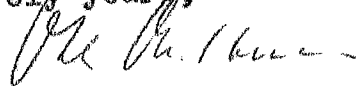
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Dear Mr. Wood:

Thank you for your letter of September 6 with the invitation to participate in the Rome Conference. Pursuant to our telephone conversation I am glad to confirm my agreement to participate in the Conference.

You will receive my paper for reproduction and distribution not later than December 18 1963. A travel advance will not be necessary.

Sincerely yours,



(Otto Kirchheimer)