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Dear Mr. President,

First of all I would like to state that I am very honoured with your proposal for a meeting during your forthcoming visit to the Netherlands.

The organization of the International Green Cross, together with the Dutch Government, has scheduled this visit to my house for Tuesday May 25th. at 9.15 in the morning.

Present will be, on my side, three more Boardmembers including our Vice Chairman Dr. Simon van der Meer, and the executive director of our foundation, mr. Theo Knippenberg, who you have previously met in 1985 and again in July of last year.

As for your expressed interest to discuss further cooperation between our foundation and the International Green Cross, we await your reaction to the proposal that we have submitted to you through mr. Ronald Wiederkehr.

As we stated we, and the other participating and supporting Nobel Laureates, will gladly assist in setting up such an International Green Cross Academy, with the specific tasks of value-change and global education on the environmental issues.

Yet our foundation is also strongly involved with another major issue that is also threatening the future of many children worldwide, the problem of child labour. Child labour is perhaps the most widespread form of child abuse, forcing between 100 and 200 million children worldwide to work under often hazardous conditions, robbing them of their childhood and of any chance for an education which could open up a better future for them.

In close cooperation with the ILO, UNICEF, UNESCO and the WHO, with the international Business Community as well as with Labour Unions, and with many other organizations, we have involved ourselves in a campaign against child labour.

Your support, and the support of mrs. Raisa Gorbachev, perhaps expressed in a short statement of support to our efforts to stop child labour, would be of tremendous value for this cause.

I am looking forward to a pleasant and productive meeting with you next week.

Yours most sincerely,

Jan Tinbergen.

