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Dear Henry:

Many thanks for your very nice letter. I did not speak from any notes, but I think the gist of it was something like this:

A number of the women attending the Conference had a negative reaction to the slate of nominees presented at the business meeting the day before. They felt that the singular demographic composition of this slate -- 100% white male -- was inappropriate for the Council, especially in today's general social climate. The consensus of those women who met during the morning's coffee break was to call this reaction to the attention of all members and fellows attending the Conference, and, in particular, to urge upon the men in the Council the need to invite women working in the field to join the Council and to participate in its activities.

I hope this is adequate for you to draw on for the minutes.

Bill Ruberman and I both enjoyed the meetings and the special bonus that you and Dick Remington provided in New Orleans. It was really great. Best regards.

Cordially,

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