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Dear

On behalf of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, the European Association of Experimental Social Psychology and the Social Science Research Council (New York) we take pleasure in inviting you to participate in an International Conference on Social Psychology. The Conference will take place in Prague from October 7 to 11, 1968. Approximately 50 participants are being invited from Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, France, Great Britain, German Democratic Republic, German Federal Republic, Hungary, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Rumania, the United States, the U.S.S.R., Yugoslavia and perhaps from other countries.

The purpose of the Conference is to advance research and scientific co-operation in social psychology. Through lectures and working groups directed toward special topics, as well as through informal discussion, the participants will exchange information and views on developments in special fields of social psychology in the various countries.

The Conference grew out of some discussions at an earlier international meeting of social psychologists held in Vienna in April 1967, sponsored by the Committee on Transnational Social Psychology of the Social Science Research Council, and by the European Association of Experimental Social Psychology. The participants in that conference found that they had many common research interests and that they needed more time to discuss them. The Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences has been able to offer an invitation to organize a longer working conference at which research topics and various areas of social psychology could be examined more carefully. The Second Conference is, accordingly, designed to serve primarily scientific purposes, nevertheless there will be some discussion of possible future organizational arrangements or other activities (exchanges, conferences, collaboration) that might advance social psychology. English has been chosen as the language of the Conference.

A definitive program of the Conference will follow in due course. A large part of the proceedings will consist of sessions of small working groups. Each working group will have one or two discussion leaders and one rapporteur. Each member

of the conference will participate in one single working group throughout the conference.

The topics for the groups are:

- 1) Sozialization in childhood and youth.
- 2) Cognitive and behavioral consistency.
- 3) Interpersonal conflict.
- 4) Social psychology of language.
- 5) Intergroup relations.
- 6) Group structure and productivity.
- 7) Social perception.

Would you, please, indicate in order of preference three groups in which you would like to participate?

Please indicate in your reply whether or not you will be prepared to contribute a short summary of some recent research of your own that is relevant to the topic of your working group. If you are prepared to contribute a short (3 - 5 page) summary, please send it in 50 copies to the Organizing Committee in Prague by June 1, so that it can be distributed in advance to other participants of the conference. If you have any difficulties in providing fifty copies of your summary please send the original typescript earlier to Professor Martin Irle, Institut für Sozialwissenschaften, Wirtschaftshochschule 68 Mannheim, Schloss, German Federal Republic, who will arrange the distribution.

The stay expenses in Prague for individual participants will be reimbursed (cf. General Information). As the funds for the conference are limited, it would be very helpful if all those participant who are able to do it would pay for their own travel arrangements. Whenever this is not possible, the air fare tourist or economy rate will be refunded.

If you can accept this invitation, please reply to the Organizing Committee at the address above by March 20. Please give us the following information in your reply:

- a) concerning the working group;
- b) whether you will present a short summary of relevant research;
- c) whether in order to enable you to participate an official invitation should be sent to some body or institution.

Since the number of participants will be strictly limited and invitations are being issued on a priority basis, as recommended by the international planning

committee, please do not accept this invitation unless you are reasonably sure of coming, so that another participant can be invited to take the place you would leave vacant.

We shall be honored by your acceptance and participation, and regretful if you find it necessary to decline.

Yours sincerely,

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