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Dear Bob,

I was very pleased to receive your note accepting our invitation to join the Board of Advisors of the Center for Libertarian Studies.

I’m enclosing a copy of a brochure which we recently prepared on the CLS and I’ve asked Walter Block to send you a sample of a fund-raising packet which we are in the process of distributing to a list of approximately 15,000 potential contributors.

I’ll keep you fully advised regarding several projects which we’re currently pursuing, including a series of Occasional Papers, the Journal of Libertarian Studies, the Libertarian Scholars Conference and a Symposium on Crime and Punishment to be held at Harvard Law School. If you have any suggestions regarding these or other projects which the CLS might sponsor, please send them to me and I will make sure that they are submitted to the Board of Directors.

I’ll look forward to seeing you again, hopefully in the not too distant future.

Regards,

John Hagel, III
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Dear John:

The Center for Libertarian Studies has been organized to provide a permanent foundation for forms of scholarly communication among libertarians. Libertarian scholars joined together and successfully organized Libertarian Scholars' Conferences in 1972, 1974, and 1975. The conferences have been paid for by the participating scholars. This has meant that participation has been limited to those who lived near New York City or who could afford to pay for their own transportation.

In order to build a Libertarian Scholars' Conference which is able to draw upon a nation-wide attendance, funds are needed from wider numbers of people. In addition, the conferences have produced papers of excellent quality, which because of their libertarian subject matter do not find a welcome in scholarly journals. Thus, to remedy a long standing need, a Journal of Libertarian Studies will be inaugurated. The JLS will begin as an annual. It will provide a scholarly, public forum which will encourage the fast growing body of libertarian scholars, and give access to libertarian scholarship to the large number of non-scholarly but intellectual libertarians.

The Center for Libertarian Studies will raise funds from libertarians interested in the development of libertarian scholarship through conferences and a journal.

To that end, a Board of Advisors is in the process of formation. It will include prominent libertarian economists, historians, and political theorists who will be available to provide advice regarding projects at the Center.

It is our hope that you will serve as one of these advisors. Please let me know if we may include you in our Board of Advisors.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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