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Dear Mark:

I would like to invite you to attend the Fourth Annual AJCU Conference for Computer Center Directors, to be held at Loyola University, New Orleans, October 4 - 6, 1989. Enclosed are a conference registration form, hotel reservation form, and several brochures. Additional details are outlined below.

Registration

The registration fee for the conference is \$150. This is slightly higher than last year, but includes breakfast, lunch and coffee breaks on both Thursday and Friday, dinner on Thursday, transportation between the hotel and the university, and a guided tour of the French Quarter.

Accommodations

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Maison Dupuy Hotel at a rate of \$70 per night single, or \$75 double. These rates apply from Wednesday, October 4, through Saturday, October 7. You must make your reservations directly with the Maison Dupuy by mailing the enclosed hotel reservation form, or calling 1-800-535-9177. Be sure to indicate that you are with the "AJCU Conference."

If you wish to stay Saturday night, there will be a few rooms available at the same rate. But make your reservations early. October weekends are very popular in New Orleans.

The Maison Dupuy (pronounced May-zon Dew-pwee) is an elegant French Quarter hotel with lots of charm. I have enclosed their brochure for your information. I am certain that everyone will enjoy their stay.

Transportation

You should make arrangements to fly into and out of New Orleans International Airport, which is about 15 miles from downtown. An airport shuttle service is available to French Quarter hotels for \$16 round trip. Taxi rates are about \$21 each way.

Transportation will be provided each day to and from the hotel, to dinner on Thursday, and to the special event on Wednesday evening.

Wednesday Event - Cajun Fais Do Do

Apple Computer wishes to invite you to a Cajun "Fais Do Do." The buffet dinner may include mouth-watering Cajun dishes like Gumbo, Jambalaya, Crawfish, Shrimp, Oysters, Catfish, or Alligator. Local beer will also be served. The menu will vary using the freshest available seafood. During the evening, guests will be able to tour the New Orleans Museum of Art. The evening will culminate with a performance by Dr. Sanford Hinderlie demonstrating electronic music composition with the assistance of the Macintosh. Dr. Hinderlie is the driving force behind Loyola's Music Technology Center and has been invited to perform in Russia early next year.

You don't want to miss this event! Plan to check in at the hotel on Wednesday afternoon. We will meet at 6 pm and be transported as a group to the Fais Do Do.

Thursday Event - Conference Dinner

I will host a reception at the Maison Dupuy at 6 pm on Thursday evening. Following the reception we will be transported by horsedrawn carriages to dinner. The carriage ride will include a tour of the French Quarter. Dinner will be at Arnaud's, which is referred to as the "Grande Dame" of French Quarter restaurants. It has been restored to its 1918 elegance and features gourmet Creole cuisine. After dinner, we will stroll back to our hotel, taking in the ambience of the Quarter after dark.

Business Meeting and Conference Agenda

As recommended last year, this year's conference has been extended to two full days. We will begin at 8 am on Thursday and adjourn at approximately 4 pm on Friday. Since a conference event is not planned for Friday evening, participants are on their own to explore New Orleans, or they may fly home (what a shame).

Items of business will include reports on on-going projects, discussions of topics of common interest to the membership, election of officers, and selection of a site for next year's meeting. Please send agenda items, nominations for officers, offers of host sites, and other business to the conference secretary:

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Sightseeing, Weather, and Significant Others

The Maison Dupuy is located in the heart of the French Quarter. It is a short walk to shops, restaurants, and jazz clubs. A trolley car provides access to more shopping and sightseeing, including steamboat rides on the Mississippi River, the Audubon Zoo, and the beautiful St. Charles Avenue homes. There is a lot to do in New Orleans. Brochures highlighting some of the possibilities are enclosed for your convenience.

The best weather in New Orleans is in October. Sunny days with temperatures in the 70's or low 80's and with little humidity are typical. Cool evening breezes are common this time of year. Rain is rare, but in New Orleans one is always prepared for a little shower.

Spouses are invited to the Cajun Fais Do Do and the dinner at Arnaud's. The cost for the dinner at Arnaud's will be \$50. Please indicate on the conference registration form if you will be having a guest attend either of these events.

Other Issues

Please make your conference registration and hotel reservations as soon as possible. October is the peak of the tourist and conference season, and we have to make guarantees to hotels and restaurants well in advance of the conference. If you have any questions, or if there are other issues we should be considering, please let me know. My phone number is (504) 865-3323.

See you in October,



Herb Nickles
Conference President