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Very Reverend Father:

As Chairman of the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research it gives me great pleasure to invite you to participate in a celebration marking the emergence of the National Center for Atmospheric Research as a going enterprise on an important scientific frontier. The celebration will be held in Boulder, Colorado at a dinner on the evening of December 12 and will be followed by related activities on the morning of December 13.

This observance has been scheduled to immediately precede the meeting of the Members of UCAR at 9 AM on December 13, the official call to which is appended. The purpose of this meeting is to take certain legal steps leading to the reincorporation of UCAR in the State of Colorado, and, simultaneously, to accomplish a merger between UCAR and the High Altitude Observatory. The High Altitude Observatory, under the leadership of Dr. Walter Orr Roberts, has become a leading center for studies of the influence of solar events on the earth's atmosphere. The merger will add great strength to our scientific program in a most important area, and will further emphasize the interdisciplinary approach to atmospheric research which has been one of our major aims.

The two UCAR trustees from your institution have participated in the formulation of these procedures and can furnish you with more complete information. A key point is that the merger and reincorporation will lead to no substantive changes in the purposes, charter, by laws, officers or trustees of UCAR. It is the opinion of our legal counsel that no official steps are required of any of our Member institutions to become Members of the Colorado corporation which will replace the present Delaware corporation.

The meeting of the Members at 9 AM on December 13 will require only a few minutes because of the extensive preparatory steps already taken but it is nevertheless essential to the accomplishment of our aims. The by-laws of UCAR (the pertinent section is enclosed) provide for the designation of representatives at a meeting of the Members. I hope very much that you will decide to represent your institution in person at this meeting of Members and so lend your presence to what we hope will be an auspicious and memorable occasion. If your schedule will not permit your attendance we would appreciate your designating a suitable representative. Travel expenses of you or your representative will be reimbursed by UCAR.

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A considerable number of distinguished guests has been invited who are representative of science and public affairs on both the Colorado and national scene. These will include leaders of government agencies, members of the Congress, state officials and directors of other national laboratories as well as presidents of our member institutions. Governor McNichols of Colorado was instrumental in arranging for the acquisition of Table Mountain by the State as the site of the National Center and our formal thanks will be tendered him on this occasion. The keynote address will be given by Dr. Thomas F. Malone who is president of both the American Geophysical Union and of the American Meteorological Society as well as a trustee of UCAR.

Through the presence of this distinguished group, national attention will be focused on the atmospheric sciences in general and in particular on the novel concept of a National Center for Atmospheric Research. Our member institutions deserve a major share of the credit for their wisdom and courage in joining together to create this new enterprise. Your presence will tend to ensure that your institution receives the recognition it deserves as a member of UCAR.

I will look forward to your early acceptance so that we may furnish you with complete information as it becomes available and so that arrangements may be made for your accommodation in Boulder.

With my very best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

/s/

Henry G. Houghton
Chairman of the Board