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Miss. Jean Garcias
Secretary of the Permanent Commission
VIII th World Festival of Youth and Students
for Peace and Friendship
Lonnrotinkatu 17B1 Helsinki
Finland.

Dear Miss Garcias,

I received, with many thanks, your kind invitation to me to be a guest of honour at the 8th Festival of Youth and Students for Peace and Friendship. I am very sorry to say that, because of my duties and obligations, it will not be possible for me to attend.

It is indeed a great honour to anybody to be an active participant in your Festival. This Festival is certainly one of the most effective practical means to realize lasting friendship and profound understanding between students and members of the rising generation of all nationalities. These personal relations that start at the Festival will eventually extend themselves to all the natives involved and hence will certainly lead to Peace based on mutual respect and true brotherhood.

The World nowadays is witnessing a remarkable Technological Revolution which has already opened a new era in our civilization. The ensuing changes in methods of thought, general human attitude and people's relationships will prove to be so far-reaching that the physical gains in exploiting nuclear energy and utilizing outer space and the rest of achievements will appear to be minor byproducts. It is quite natural that the aging Imperialism may try hard to use these achievements of science and Technological for affecting its greediness and subduing the people to its tyranny. But there is no doubt that, by understanding and friendship, the current Technological Revolution will take the human species to a higher level of civilization in which a One World blessed by Peace and real Freedom will prevail.

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It is for this reason that to your Festival a special significance is attached. The zeal of Youth and the scholarly good nature of students will certainly accelerate our advance towards this new Civilization.

May I therefore congratulate you on this unique occasion and wish you success.

Dr. Abdul Jabbar Abdullah
President.