## **FULBRIGHT COMMISSION**

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Hungarian-American Commission for Educational Exchange

To whom it may concern:

## LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Hungarian Alumni Association and the Hungarian-American Fulbright Commission jointly organized the Spirit of Global Understanding World Fulbright Alumni Conference in Budapest, August 14-18, 1996. We wished to assemble international Fulbright alumni from a variety of disciplines to engage in a critical, future-oriented dialogue as part of our celebration of the Fulbright Program's 50th anniversary.

SGU' 96 reviewed highlights of the Fulbright Program's first fifty years and concentrated on laying the foundation for another successful half century. This celebration offered an excellent opportunity to meet Fulbrighters from around the world.

Renowned keynote speakers introduced the three main topics ("Global Changes in the Economy and Society", "Quality of Life" and "Globalization of Education") to be further discussed at plenary sessions and workshops as well as within the framework of the teleconference session. This high-technology satellite telecommunication provided the participants with the opportunity to exchange ideas with prominent individuals from overseas, for example Ms. Jody Olsen (CIES), Mr. Takeshi Utsumi (Global University) and Mr. George Soros from the U.S. Demonstrations on the application of this future technology in higher education followed. I am sure that those who had the chance to take part in this special event at the Central European University, Budapest enjoyed the unique occasion and do support the direction of global electronic distance education, not only for enhancing the current Fulbright exchange program, but also for expanding the reach of educational services to all motivated learners of all ages.

Prof. Takeshi Utsumi, Founder of CAADE and President of Global University in the USA, was our great promoter in developing the possibility of organizing the teleconference (connecting Budapest with the American continent, several European cities and Asia) during our SGU' 96 conference (on August 16).

I am most sure that the teleconference provided an excellent possibility for participants and presenters to share their opinions and views worldwide and face towards "global understanding". We strongly support the GLH projects in the future.

Sincerely yours,

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Chair of the Organizing Committee

