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To
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Athens 11/22/1995

Dear sir,

This letter is to request the attendance and participation of your engineer, Thanos Voudouris, in an important conference that will take place, November 29th 1995 to December 8th 1995 in Thessaloniki, Greece. Three thousand expatriate Greek Organizations, representing some seven million Greeks of the Diaspora will be sending delegates to this symposium in Greece for the inaugural conference of The World Council of Overseas Hellenism. The Secretary of Interior, Mr. A. Tsohatzopoulos, has worked closely with the Foreign Minister Under-Secretary, Grigoris Niotis, who is responsible for issues related to expatriate Greeks, to initiate a forum for the organization of Hellenic World Wide Computer Resources. During this week long conference, thirty selected individuals will be presenting proposals and recommendations for their respective area of expertise. These areas include the academia and the World Wide Internet resources.

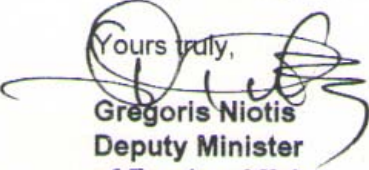
Thanos Voudouris is an active and well respected member of the Greek community. He was one of the first preferred individuals that is in the position to contribute in our effort. His experience and skilled knowledge to computer resources will be an asset to this conference. Because the internet has become an important vehicle in helping people keep in touch and informed, the Greek community at large will benefit greatly from Thanos's input and any proposals he may bring to the The World Council of Overseas Hellenism.

Invitations and paid expenses have been sent to all essential people needed to participate in this conference.

In light of these significant reasons, we request that you excuse Thanos Voudouris and give him the appropriate leave of absence during the time period mentioned above in order to participate and contribute to our efforts in making this World Council of Overseas Hellenism conference a productive and successful one.

We appreciate your consideration on this important matter.

Yours truly,


Gregoris Niotis
Deputy Minister
of Foreign Affairs