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Paulo Freire
Secretario da Educacao
Prefeitura de Sao Paulo
Sao Paulo, Brazil

Dear Paulo Freire:

I think you might remember me. You were at my home last year after the Socialist Scholars' Conference, and you were good enough to be present in my class at Teachers College. Like all your other friends and admirers, I am delighted by the thought that you are in such an influential spot in Sao Paulo. I am sure fine things are happening, even as you face multiple difficulties.

I am writing for this reason. This past year I have spent considerable time at Bronx Regional High School, one of those alternative schools in the midst of a crack-ridden wilderness. What is distinctive about it is its inspired and dedicated and courageous faculty, with whom I have become very friendly. Indeed, we are very much involved with one another and maintain a continuing dialogue. I have learned alot and been deeply moved by working with the teachers at the school--and meeting some of the youngsters.

The principal (Mark Weiss) and some of the teachers believe, as I do, that we might benefit a great deal from some time with you. In fact, we are willing to look for money to come down to Sao Paulo next April, if you are there. Alternatively, if you plan to be around here, we would look for some funds to get you to the school.

Could you let me know if you know your plans for April, 1990? And if some time at what I think of as a Freirian high school might strike you as rewarding?

In any event, I wish you well; and I hope the book on love is proceeding, along with the book in the history of Pedagogy.

Sincerely yours,

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