

National Gallery of Art

CENTER FOR ADVANCED STUDY IN THE VISUAL ARTS

Washington, D.C. 20565

Office of the Dean

1 May 1992

Mr. Mahr. Batuz
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Dear Batuz,

As members of the board of advisors of the Société Imaginaire and as long-time supporters of this important initiative, we have often discussed concrete steps that might be taken to insure the Société's development, international expansion, and future integrity. Now, we take this opportunity to communicate the recent specific and organizational steps towards these ends.

At a meeting held at the National Gallery, representatives of the Center for Advanced Study, the National Gallery, Meridian House, and the University of Maryland agreed to undertake the following:

1. to file papers of incorporation as a non-profit public foundation under the name of the Société Imaginaire, U.S.A.;
2. to apply to the Internal Revenue Service for 501(C)3 status;
3. to raise funds necessary to establish an American office of the Société Imaginaire.

Through this office the policies and programs of the Société Imaginaire will be coordinated and largely implemented. These programs include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. establishing a repository for the documentation of the Société's correspondence program, illustrated book program, and other programs;
2. facilitating periodic meetings for reviewing policies and programs;
3. facilitating planning meetings for future programs;
4. coordinating contact with Société member universities and committees in Central and Eastern Europe, South America, and the United States.

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It is our expectation that the Soci t 's office will be established by late fall 1992 and that all legal incorporation and IRS filings will be submitted by end of summer 1992.

To confirm the commitment of the board to the Soci t 's mission, it was determined at a recent meeting that the monies will be advanced by the Center for Advanced Study to cover the costs of legal and IRS filings; these funds to be returned to the Center by the Soci t  at a future date.

We trust that you and the Soci t 's supporters abroad will find this brief report of planned action a demonstration of the boards commitment to the full realization and continued success of the Soci t 's promise.

Sincerely,



Henry A. Millon