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Dear Professor Biedenkopf:

Following information from Batuz, founder and President of the Batuz Foundation, it is a great pleasure to welcome you as a member of the International Advisory Board of the Batuz Foundation and the Société Imaginaire.

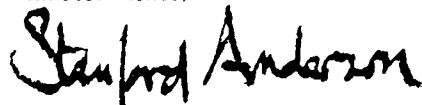
The many accomplishments in the course of your distinguished life will attach to your name and give luster to the Advisory Board. In this context, of course, we think especially of your courageous and generous support of a fledgling idea that Batuz turned into the extraordinary phenomenon of the Batuz Foundation seat at Altzella. Altzella has assumed a new and honored stage in its long and diverse trajectory. This fact is established through the museums, ateliers, exhibition sites, meeting places, and works of art that now make up Altzella. Still more, these physical facilities made possible the many fruitful encounters of people from throughout Europe and the Americas, including children, people of quite ordinary backgrounds, and noted scholars, poets, artists, and politicians. Batuz is the catalyst by which his supporters and colleagues have worked collectively for international understanding and peace by communication across both national boundaries and those of artistic, cultural, and social domains.

In the current period of problematic globalization and rapidly diminishing understanding among nations, we need efforts such as those of the Société Imaginaire more than ever. While small in the global perspective, the efforts of the Batuz Foundation are important seeds in the continuing hope for a better world. It is a great pity that it is just at this time of greatest need for open communication that there should be a hiatus in the support of Batuz' efforts at Altzella.

The members of the International Advisory Board are honored by your acceptance of the invitation to join the Board. We look forward to seeing you at future events of the Société Imaginaire. We would welcome that you make a contribution, such as a lecture, when the opportunity arises.

I cannot close without recalling the special opportunities Batuz created by which we were able to enjoy and profit from encounters with you in Dresden and again at MIT and our home in Boston.

With best wishes,



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